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8 KILLED IN ROCK COLLAPSE AT BENGALURU QUARRY

Preliminary probe suggest loose soil as the cause, with questions arising about potential illegal quarrying; CM orders probe, major crackdown on lapses.

BENGALURU

Eight daily-wage labourers from Bihar and West Bengal were killed and around 15 were injured after a massive rock collapsed at a stone quarry here on Thursday morning, police said.

The incident occurred at a stone crusher unit in Madapatna in Bengaluru South taluk while the workers were engaged in quarrying operations. The identities of the deceased are yet to be established. Around 15 others sustained injuries and were shifted to a private hospital for treatment.

According to the crusher operator, the accident occurred between 6 am and 6:30 am when boulders rolled down following vibrations caused by blasting operations. He claimed he had earlier warned the quarry owner about loose boulders on the upper side of the quarry and urged that they be removed. As no action was taken, the workers had no time to escape when the rocks came crashing down.

One of the labourers said, "There were about 18 workers at the site. A huge rock fell from about 40 feet on the workers." The falling boulders also crushed tractors and other vehicles used for transportation, causing extensive damage.

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar expressed his grief over the incident. The collapse of a crusher wall in Madapattana of Bengaluru South Taluk has caused the death of seven workers, bringing immense sorrow, he said in a post on 'X'. He said, "It is the duty of quarry owners to ensure the life safety and security of workers engaged in quarry operations.

Rescue teams and police personnel rushed to the site and launched rescue operations. The area was cordoned off while officials cleared the debris and searched for any other workers who might have been trapped.

> We will issue fresh guidelines for quarrying activities across the state. I will ensure that no such incident occurs again.
> -DK Shivakumar, CM

MLA ST Somashekar demanded compensation of Rs 1 crore for the family of each deceased worker. He also called for criminal cases to be registered against those responsible, including the quarry owner and officials concerned.

Alleging that he had repeatedly raised safety concerns about the quarry with the authorities, Somashekar said they had ignored his warnings. Had timely action been taken, the tragedy could have been prevented, he said, adding that he would raise the matter with the CM and seek strict action against those responsible.

KILLER QUARRY

A massive rock collapse at the Kaveri Stone Crusher quarry in Madapattana, Bengaluru South taluk, killed eight workers and severely injured several others. The tragic early-morning accident occurred when heavy machinery dislodged a 40-foot boulder, crushing the daily-wage labourers operating in the pit below.

Incident details

- **LOCATION:** Madapatna village, Bengaluru South taluk.
- **TIME:** The incident happened around 6 am to 7:30 am.
- **CAUSE:** The rockfall was reportedly triggered while excavators were clearing space for a new crusher unit higher up, or due to vibrations from ongoing blasting, sending massive granite boulders crashing directly onto the workers.
- **CASUALTIES:** Eight labourers were killed. Most of the victims were migrant workers from Bihar, with others hailing from North Karnataka and WB.
- **RESCUE EFFORTS:** Police, emergency teams, and rescue personnel quickly cordoned off the area to clear debris and search for anyone still trapped in the mangled wreckage. Five to fifteen injured workers were rushed to local hospitals for critical care.

Official response

- **ARREST AND PROBE:** The quarry owner (reportedly identified as Anandaswamy) was taken into police custody for questioning as officials investigate potential safety violations and operational negligence.
- **GOVT ACTION:** Chief Minister DK Shivakumar rushed to the hospital, expressed profound grief, and promised strict action against any quarries operating without following proper safety guidelines.
- **CALLS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY:** Local representatives (such as Yeshwanthpur MLA ST Somashekar) have alleged that illegal quarrying has been rampant in the area and have demanded comprehensive investigations into the Mines and Geology Department, police, and Pollution Control Board.

Policy push: DKS delivers big changes in first month

BENGALURU: Marking exactly 30 days in power, Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has unleashed a historic wave of rapid development projects, citizen welfare schemes, and tough anti-corruption reforms across the state.

This high-speed first month targets massive infrastructure shifts, public relief, and extensive support for local youth.

To revolutionise the tech hub's daily commute, the Chief Minister approved a mega ₹2,000 crore project to make Bengaluru's roads entirely pothole-free. Alongside starting work on a new tunnel road near Hebbal, the administration took decisive, direct steps to reshape administration, governance, and public safety.

On the employment front, the youth received a massive boost as the government enforced a strict six-month deadline to recruit for 72,000 vacant government positions.

The 1-month report card

Administrative shake-up and governance

- **NEW PRAJA SEVA MINISTRY:** Set up to listen directly to public grievances.
- **PUNCHING IN:** Staff using GPS software must be at their desks by 10 am.
- **ANTI-CORRUPTION LINES:** Dedicated helplines opened to report ongoing illegal bribes.

Infrastructure & Bengaluru development

- **Pothole-free roads:** Approved a ₹2,000 crore project aimed at making Bengaluru's roads entirely pothole-free.
- **Connectivity & transit:** Opened 10-lane SM Krishna Road in Kempegowda Layout and laid foundation stone for mini tunnel road near Hebbal.
- **Green initiatives:** Directed the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) to plant 15 lakh saplings on Kempegowda Jayanti, aiming for a Guinness World Record.
- **Civic exemptions:** Occupancy Certificate exemptions for permanent electricity connections for new residential buildings up to 2,500 sq.ft.
- **Land categorisation:** Approved conversion of "B" to "A" category properties across the state.

Governance, law & administrative reforms

- **Public grievances:** Established a new ministry 'Praja Seva' to address public grievances, along with a dedicated corruption complaint helpline.
- **Bureaucratic accountability:** Directed government staff using GPS software to be present in offices by 10 am. Officials were instructed to work strictly within the legal framework without giving in to political pressure.
- **State representation in Delhi:** Decided to construct a Karnataka Bhavan for students in Delhi and form a team of retired IAS/IPS officers, besides strengthening the SC legal team to safeguard state interests.
- **Revenue protection:** Issued strict instructions to prevent tax evasion and reclaim government lands (including mining zones) left inactive for years.

Agriculture, water management & environment

- **Tungabhadra dam protection:** Jointly collaborated with the Chief Ministers of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, under the Union Jal Shakti Ministry, to protect Tungabhadra farmers. This includes introducing new spill gates and a central plan to remove silt.
- **Mekedatu Project progress:** Secured State Wildlife Board clearance for seismic and soil testing for the Mekedatu project, forwarding it to the Central Wildlife Board for final approval.
- **Farmer support:** Financial incentives for mango growers and ordered timely distribution of seeds and fertilizers.
- **Forest clearances:** Set a strict July 15 deadline to resolve all pending forest clearance cases.

Education, youth & employment

- **Student benefits:** Rolled out free bus passes for all students across the state.
- **Grassroots youth networks:** Established the Bharat Jodo Youth Association in all panchayats and wards, allocating ₹10 lakh to each.
- **Employment drive:** Set a tight 6-month deadline to recruit for 72,000 vacant government positions and approved a private-sector job exchange center.
- **Campus politics:** Initiated plans to resume student college elections starting this academic year.

Social welfare, housing & public safety

Housing for the poor

Directed officials to fast-track housing projects, emphasizing the construction of ready houses over just distributing open plots.

Anti-drug & crime campaign

Set a target for a drug-free Karnataka by 2028, placed a warning ban on intoxicating pan masala/gutka, and introduced rewards for drug-network informants.

Law enforcement

Ordered the formation of specialized anti-rowdy squads in every district.

Guarantee schemes

Formed village and ward-level guarantee committees to ensure state welfare schemes strictly reach Karnataka residents without leakages.

CM promises crackdown on safety lapses

BENGALURU

Following the fatal stone quarry incident in Bengaluru on Thursday, Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said the government would review whether quarrying operations across the state were being carried out in accordance with safety norms.

Expressing grief over the deaths of the labourers, who were reportedly mostly from Bihar, the CM said, "We will issue fresh guidelines for quarrying activities across the state. I will ensure that no such incident occurs again."

He added that he had directed officials to the accident site and was awaiting detailed reports from them. "As per initial reports, seven people have died. The first report indicates that the incident was not due to blasting, but due to soil erosion. I will get a detailed report on this."

When reporters asked about the ex gratia, the CM said compensation is not the priority right now.

"We will certainly provide compensation to the families, there is no doubt about that. But my priority is to ensure that such incidents do not happen again in Karnataka," he said.

Yashwanthpur MLA ST Somashekar said the eighth labourer died in the hospital.

GP: Need to find out who grants these sanctions

Speaking to reporters here, Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara said he will gather information, and if there is anything that pertains to the Revenue Department, which is his portfolio, he would take immediate action.

"We need to find out who grants these sanctions.

At present, it is the Deputy Commissioners and the officials of the Mining Department who grant them. We will examine the matter and take whatever action is necessary based on our findings," he said. Expressing concerns over illegalities in quarrying taking place across the state, the DyCM said he would do whatever is required to prevent it.

LEADERS' PERSONAL RAPPORTRANKS

Modi calls Takaichi 'Choti Behen'

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday addressed his Japanese counterpart Sanae Takaichi as his 'younger sister' and hailed her as a 'visionary and popular leader' while delivering his statement during a joint press meet in New Delhi.

Modi made the remarks in Hindi, and Takaichi, who heard its simultaneous translation in Japanese via a tech device, responded to this gesture with a warm smile.

India and Japan share Special Strategic and Global Partnership, and the friendship between the two countries has a long history, rooted in spiritual affinity and strong cultural and civilisational ties.

Leaders' personal rapport and strategic dialogue

"Your Excellency, and 'meri chhoti behen' (my younger sister) Prime Minister Takaichi, delegates of the two countries, members of the media, Namaskar! Konnichiwa," Modi said as he began his address.

"I am delighted to welcome Prime Minister Takaichi on her first visit to India for the India-Japan Annual Summit. She is also Japan's first female Prime Minister, and a visionary and popular leader. Furthermore, she hails from Japan's Nara Prefecture, a very important centre of shared Buddhist heritage of India and Japan," he said.

Takaichi acknowledges Modi's remarks

In her address in Japanese, which was simultaneously translated in English, Takaichi acknowledged Modi's remarks describing her as his "younger sister" "The small meeting before and the big meeting...we confirmed that we are on the same page to develop this relationship as brother and sister," she said.

INDIA-JAPAN SUMMIT

- PM Modi referred to Japanese PM Sanae Takaichi as his 'younger sister,' highlighting the warm personal rapport between the leaders.
- The leaders held the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit, agreeing to deepen strategic cooperation across various sectors.
- Discussions focused on strengthening the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership, built on trust and shared values.
- Both nations plan to celebrate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations next year, with a focus on cultural, tourism, and creative economy cooperation.
- Sanae Takaichi is Japan's first female Prime Minister and her visit marks an important step in advancing bilateral ties.

Karnataka woman found dead in Uganda

Kottur: A 24-year-old woman from Kannanayakanakatte village in Kottur taluk of Vijayanagara district was found dead under suspicious circumstances in Uganda, Kottur police said. The deceased has been identified as B Bindu. Efforts are under way to bring her body back to India.

"We have no information as to the cause of her death. We will have to register a case once we receive the body. Taralabalu Jagadguru Shivamurthy Shivacharya has been in touch with the Indian Ambassador to Uganda Anant Iyer, and has arranged for the woman's body to be transported to India. This is all the information we have at the moment," Kottur PSI Geetanjali Shinde said.

Police said Uganda authorities have confiscated the passport of Bindu's husband.

OPERATION FOOTPATH

KBG: Street vendors to be relocated, not evicted

BENGALURU

Greater Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda on Thursday clarified that street vendors within the GBA limits will not be evicted, but are instead being relocated from arterial and sub-arterial roads to ward roads to ensure pedestrian safety.

Addressing a virtual conference with concerned officials reviewing the ongoing footpath encroachment clearance drive in the city, he directed officials to clear not only street vendors from footpaths, but abandoned vehicles and illegally parked vehicles to build smooth and organised footpaths for citizens.

He instructed officials to take action to clear all encroachments in a phased manner, the minister's office said in a statement.

Opposing the move, the street vendors have alleged that the drive was "selective" and came without providing any alternatives. They claimed that their livelihood is affected.

Claiming that the footpath encroachment clearance drive in the city has received strong public support, Gowda instructed officials to provide information on permitting street vendors to conduct business on ward roads, excluding major arterial and sub-arterial roads, in a manner that does not cause any inconvenience to the public.

"If we utilise the existing system effectively, we will gain public support, and even seemingly impossible tasks can be achieved. In this regard, all officials must work in coordination to build smooth, safe, and organized footpaths for the citizens of Bengaluru," he said.

ISRO gets bomb threat, mail sent to chairman

BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) headquarters in Bengaluru received a bomb threat via email on Thursday, prompting an immediate investigation.

According to police, the threatening email was sent to the office of ISRO Chairman Dr V Narayanan. Following the alert, police teams, along with bomb squad personnel, rushed to the site and conducted a thorough sanitisation exercise of the premises.

No explosive device was found during the search.

Multiple police teams have launched an investigation to trace the sender and determine the motive. Authorities are also examining whether the email originated from outside the country.

This is not the first such incident. Last year, similar bomb threat emails were sent to several schools in Delhi.

QUICK READ

3 Darshan fans held for threatening key witness

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Three alleged fans of actor Darshan, the main accused in the 2024 Renuka swamy murder case, were arrested on charges of threatening a key witness in an attempt to prevent him from testifying before court. According to police, the three accused, Venu, Suhas, and Puneeth, alleg edly intimidated the 49th prosecution witness, who' s from Chitradurga. Investigators said Puneeth ma naged a fan page named 'D Company', while Suhas and Venu are members of a Darshan Fans' Association in Tumakuru. The witness informed the Judge in Court he was under pressu re not to testify. Following the statement, the court directed police to provide security to the witness. Ba sed on information ga the red from the witne ss, police registered a case and found Suhas had alle gedly called the witness under the pretext of holding a discussion. . Suhas reportedly drove the witness around in a car and pressured him not to depose in court.

Driver dies after Tata Ace collides with canter

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Lokesh (35), the driver of the Tata Ace, died after a head-on collision between a Tata Ace and a Canter ve hicle within the police station limits. The accident took place in front of Park View Apartment at around 2:40 am on Thursday. The Banaswadi Traffic Police said that both the vehicles had Rajasthan registratio ns and the deceased was also from Rajasthan. A ca se has be en registered at the Banas wadi Traffic Poli ce Sta tion. According to in itial information, the decea sed may have been dri ving a vehicle with the intention of learning to drive and caused the accident.

HC stays state govt order to withdraw 52 criminal cases

The Karnataka cabinet held on May 21, 2026 decided to withdraw 52 cases registered in various police stations across the state.

BENGALURU

The High Court has stayed the order issued by the state government to withdraw 52 serious criminal cases registered in various police stations in the state.

A bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice KS Hemalekha, which was hearing a public interest litigation filed by Bengaluru-based lawyer Girish Bhardwaj, stayed the government's order. It issued a notice to the state government to file objections in the case and adjourned the hearing.

During the hearing, the counsel for the petitioner explained to the bench that the prosecution has withdrawn the cases registered in various police stations of the state on the recommendation of three senior ministers.

The government has taken a decision contrary to the order issued by the same court in 2025 in this regard. Therefore, the government's decision should be stayed.

The government's counsel said that if given some time, they would file objections to the application.

At this time, the bench said that the government would be given time to file objections. They said that the government's order would be stayed. It also issued notices to the Home Department and the Prosecution and Government Litigation Department and adjourned the hearing to September 28.

- The bench stayed the Karnataka government's order to withdraw 52 serious criminal cases including those involving communal riots and attempted murder citing contradictions with a 2025 court ruling.
- The stay follows a petition accusing ministers and former Speaker UT Khader of improperly exerting political influence to clear the accused.

The bench, which refused to issue a notice to Health Minister UT Khader, the third respondent in the petition, said that statements made by MLAs in the House are exempted and therefore, he cannot be made a respondent.

The State Cabinet meeting held on May 21, had approved the proposal to withdraw 52 cases. Accordingly, on May 27, the Home Department had issued an order directing the government prosecutor to withdraw the cases. The petitioners have requested that this order and the decision of the Cabinet be quashed.

Also, the then Assembly Speaker UT Khader had written a letter to the Home Minister, describing the accused in the serious cases related to communal riots, unlawful assembly, damage to public property, attempt to murder and hijab protest that took place in the Aland police station limits of Kalaburagi district as 'not criminals'.

Khader had made this recommendation on the request of the Dargah Hazrat Ladle Mashekh Ansari Committee. The petition explained that through this, political influence was exerted on the executive and the criminal justice system was interfered with.

Former MUDA commissioner gets bail in money-laundering

BENGALURU

The High Court has granted bail to former MUDA Commissioner GT Dinesh, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the illegal allotment of MUD land case against former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

The order was made by a bench of Justice M. Nagaprasa nna, who granted the bail application filed by the fifth accused, GT Dinesh, in connection with the case registered by the ED. The applicant shall furnish a personal bond of Rs. 5 lakh and two sureties satisfactory to the trial Court in the same amount. He shall not attempt to tamper with the prosecution evidence or obstruct the investigation, either directly or indirectly. He shall be required to appear for hearing on all the dates fixed for hearing, unless excused by the trial court for cause. The High Court has made it clear that the Enforcement Directorate is at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail order of the applicant in case of violation of any of these conditions.

GT Dinesh Kumar is facing allegations of misusing his power and illegally allotting plots to ineligible persons during his tenure as Muda Commissioner. The Enforcement Directorate, which has registered a case under the PMLA Act in this regard, arrested Dinesh on September 17, 2025. He is currently in judicial custody. After that, on October 5, the ED attached pro perties worth about Rs 40 crore belonging to Dinesh Kumar. Also, a chargesheet was filed against Dinesh Kumar on November 19, 2025, alleging that he illegally allotted 283 plots worth a total of over Rs 450 crore to ineligible persons.

On October 10, 2025, the Special Court of People's Representatives dismissed Dinesh Kumar's bail application. Therefore, he approached the High Court.

The High Court, which rejected that application on January 20, 2026, had advised Dinesh that he could re-apply for bail after three months if the circumstances had changed.

Dinesh was granted bail by the People's Representatives Court on March 16, but was not released due to the pending ED case. He later filed another application in the High Court on June 2 seeking bail.

BDA seeks to ease registration of apartment associations

BENGALURU

Amid growing demands from apartment owners to take over maintenance and management of BDA-built apartment complexes, Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) has urged the state govt to notify a "competent authority" for the registration of apartment owners' associations under Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act, 1972 (KAOA).

The move comes after some associations approa ched BDA, stating they were prepared to manage the upkeep of apartment complexes themselves.

However, officials said the absence of clarity on the registration mechanism became a hurdle in recognising these associations and transferring maintenance responsibilities.

In a June 29 letter to the urban development department, BDA said apartment owners and residents across Karnataka were facing considerable difficulties in registering associations under KAOA.

A senior BDA official said, there is an ambiguity and we have been hearing concerns from residents that they were unable to proceed with the registration. If the govt clears this confusion, it will be a relief across the city.

Dhananjaya Padmanabha char, from Karnataka Homebuyers' Forum, said, re gistering apartment associations under a govt-notified competent authority will give them legal recognition, enable grievances to be addressed without approaching civil courts, and ensure compliance with RERA directions on land khata transfer.

It will also provide a legal identity to managing committee members. It's a great move from BDA to seek clear government directions.

GBA's 'Safe Footpath Campaign' gains momentum

BENGALURU

Earthmovers, backhoes and jackhammers tore into illegal constructions on footpaths Wednesday morning as Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) launched its latest campaign to clear city roads of encroachments.

Street vendors were asked to move into inner lanes, and parked vehicles, shop extensions and other obstructions were tossed out of prime footpaths meant for pedestrians.

Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said the city's 'Safe Footpaths Campaign' should become "a people's movement" to reclaim public spaces for pedestrians. He urged traders, commercial establishments and street vendors to voluntarily clear encroachments.

On day one, GBA freed up 76km of city roads and handed them back to pedestrians. The series has found several stretches encroached upon by vendors, vehicles and shop awnings, forcing pedestrians onto carriageways. At the same time, the minister reaffirmed the state govt's commitment to protecting the livelihoods of street vendors.

GBA clears 1,000 km of footpaths in 10-day campaign; the campaign aims to remove encroachments and restore footpaths for public use.

Except on around 20 percent of priority arterial roads, vending can continue on other roads, provided pedestrian movement is not obstructed," he said. "Every resident of Bengaluru has the right to use safe and obstruction-free footpaths. This should not remain merely a govt campaign; it must become a people's movement driven by public participation, he said.

Across five city corporations, GBA scrubbed some of the key roads which were a nightmare for both pedestrians and motorists. These roads include MG Road, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar's 100ft Road, Mysore Road, Kempegowda Road, Cunningham Road, Hope Farm Junction-Varthur Kodi, Marathahalli Junction-Ibbalur Junction, ITPL Main Road, Sampige Road in Malleshwaram, Kathriguppe Main Road, Bull Temple Road, Sahakaranagar Railway Parallel Road in Byatar ayanapura, Vidyaranyapura Main Road, Banaswadi Main Road in Sarvagnanagar, key roads in Jayanagar, Bommanahalli, Padmanabhanagar, JP Nagar and BTM Layout.

Malleswaram alone accounted for 11km of freed-up roads.

Petty shops, pushcarts, construction debris, illegal cables, temporary building projections and other encroachments were cleared with support from police and other govt departments.

In some locations in many civic zones of Bengaluru, stormwater drain slabs were installed to improve drainage after encroachments were removed. Hotel extensions, vegetable stalls, illegal concrete structures, compound walls and other obstacles blocking pedestrian movement were also demolished in the campaign, which will continue in the coming days, Bengaluru North City Corporation removed encroachments from across six assembly constituencies, covering Byatarayanapura, Vidyaranyapura, Sarvagnanagar, Pulikeshinagar, Hebbal and Yelahanka.

Civic teams removed street vendors, pushcarts, unauthorised advertisement boards, sheds and other encroachments.

'Pride Month may be over, but fight for LGBTQIA+ continues'

BENGALURU

For the Rajyotsava award winner, Pride has never been just about celebration. It is a platform to make people stop, listen and acknowledge the realities faced by the LGBTQIA+ community every single day.

Pride is important because it gives us a chance to project our struggles, our challenges and fight against a society that continues to be transphobic, homophobic and discriminatory, she says.

The 38-year-old points out that while June brings visibility, the remaining eleven months continue to be filled with everyday battles. People still face rejection from families, partner

violence, police violence, mental health issues and even suicidal tendencies. These are not Pride Month issues. These happen every day.Bengaluru is often seen as one of India's more accepting cities but Akkai believes that visibility does not mean everyone feels safe eno ugh to be themselves. Every ye ar, more people come out because conversations have increased and safer spaces have grown.

But there are many who don't because of fear and discrimination, she explains. The experience also differs across class lines. She says, an English-speaking, financially secure queer person has a very different journey compared to someone from the working class. I worry most about those from poorer backgrounds, who continue to struggle for livelihood and social recognition.

She adds that Pride marches themselves are sustained largely through community effort. There are no formal government funds for these events. Many community members who survive through begging or sex work also contribute towards Pride.For Akkai, one of the biggest gaps lies in everyday public spaces. People still struggle to access public toilets, buses, malls, cinema halls, places of worship and other public spaces. Imagine carrying an identity card that doesn't match your appearance. Even travelling can become a humiliating experience. She believes policies already exist but need stronger implementation. The real question is whether there is enough willingness within the system to make these spaces inclusive. Looking back at nearly three decades of activism, Akkai says Bengaluru's reputation as a queer-friendly city didn't happen overnight. She is also cautious about performative allyship online.

274 BDA sites to soon get relief, 55 still in limbo

BENGALURU

BDA has urged the forest dept to offer a one-time settlement to end the impasse over its legally allotted sites. In simple terms, these owners will get full possession, and, hence, freedom, to either construct a house or secure sites.

These sites have been in limbo after they were found to be coming under the notified buffer zone of Turahalli forests in south Bengaluru, preventing them from going ahead with construction despite having all valid papers. Of these sites, 274 are in the buffer zone and 55 within the forest boundary. While a resolution is expected soon for 274 sites, the 55 sites falling under the forest boundary remain a challenge, a BDA official said.

In a letter dated June 23, BDA informed the Principal Se cretary (Forest) the issue pertains to sites along the Turahalli reserve forest boundary in Blocks 1 to 11, spread across Turahalli, Hemmigepura, Lingadheeranahalli, Sompura and BM Kaval villages.

The layouts were formed after BDA acquired 1,598 acres through notifications issued on Nov 15, 2000, and Aug 21, 2001.Several sites adjoining the forest later fell within the notified buffer zone. Hence, the forest department stopped granting construction permissions. Following the stalemate, BDA conducted a joint survey in September 2025 along with forest and revenue departments.

Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is set to hand in huge relief to more than 250 site owners in Banashankari 6th Phase caught in the Turahalli forest buffer zone dispute in South Bengaluru.

The Assistant Director of Land Records submitted a report in November 2025, followed by a drone survey in January 2026.What initially appeared to affect over 1,400 sites was progressively narrowed to just 329. Based on the findings, BDA prepared a revised layout map and submitted it along with supporting documents to the Deputy Conservator of Forests.

During discussions in May 2026, BDA officials, including Commissioner, met their forest department counterparts. The department agreed in principle to work towards a resolution for the 274 buffer zone sites through mutual agreement. It was proposed that BDA land, already under forest department possession, along with an additional 20 acres and 18 guntas in Turahalli village, be transferred through a land exchange, providing equivalent buffer area to the department while offering permanent relief to affected plot owners. The issue was raised at two meetings chaired by the then Forest Minister Ishwar Khandre on May 12 and 20.

The Minister acknowledged families' plight of being unable to build on legally purchased sites. Seeking a swift resolution, BDA has requested a one-time settlement to permanently end the uncertainty faced by plot owners who have waited since 2001.

'CHILD ABUSE'

Capgemini shuts B'luru daycare over child abuse

BENGALURU

Capgemini has temporarily shut its daycare facility at its Bengaluru campus after videos allegedly showing toddlers being abused by caregivers surfaced online.

In a statement, the company said, "Capgemini's foremost priority is the health, safety and well-being of its employees and their family members. We are cooperating fully with the relevant authorities and assisting them in their efforts to establish the facts. As a precautionary measure, we are temporarily closing the Bengaluru campus day care facility.

The alleged abuse took place at the crèche on the company's Brookefield campus in east Bengaluru, where many employees leave their young children while at work. Police have booked five daycare workers, Manjula, Vijayalakshmi, Bhavani, Sindhu and Bindu — under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act and Section 351 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for criminal intimidation.

According to police, videos purportedly show toddlers aged between two and three being placed inside a front-loading washing machine, sprayed with water in their mouths using a toilet jet spray, and locked inside toilets to stop them from crying. Investigators also alleged that the children were forced to sit on Western-style commodes and threatened into silence.

The case came to light after a child helpline official received four videos and alerted the police. Investigators said the footage was recorded by a staff member whose friend had been dismissed from the daycare cen tre last month. Police inspected the premises on Wednesday and collected CCTV footage. Notices have been issued to all five accused, asking them to appear for questioning. A senior police officer said investigators would contact the parents of the children to find out whether they had noticed any signs of abuse or whether the children had com plained of mistreatment. Under Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice Act, cruelty towards childre n by ca regivers is punishable with imprisonment ranging fro m three to ten years. Police said the investigation is ongoing.

KIC fines North Sub-Division AC of Rs 75,000

BENGALURU

The Karnataka Information Commission (KIC) has imposed a fine of 75,000 on Kiran, the Deputy Divisional Officer of Bangalore North Sub-Division, for not providing information to the applicants in three separate cases and for failing to attend the hearing, and has also recommended disciplinary action against the officer. Kiran was neglecting the applications submitted to his office seeking information without providing proper information.

QUICK READ

Chartered Accountants' Day celebrated

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As part of the 78th Chartered Accountants' Day celebrations, CA Kavitha Paramesh, Chairperson of the Bengaluru Branch of SIRC of the Institute of Chartered Accountants' of India (ICAI), hoisted the national flag at ICAI Bhawan, Vasanthnagar. Addressing students, members, and the large gathering present on the occasion, she emphasized that the CA course is not an iron fist and can be completed with determination, consistent effort, and proper guidance. Encouraging aspiring chartered accountants to pursue their goals with confidence, she highlighted the immense opportunities the profession offers.

50-year-old building collapses in Cottonpet,

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A horrific tragedy was averted by a hair's breadth at Cottonpet on Thursday evening. A 50-year-old two-storey building suddenly collapsed to the gro und. Details of the Incident The clinic was run at the bottom of the old two-storey building of 20x30 dimensions and there was a residential house on the top floor. Those inside immediately rushed out as the building suddenly star ted tilting to one side. How ever, two per sons were trapped inside the building.

Min: Bidadi to get country's first women's driver training institute

The institute will be developed by BMTC with a dedicated building, driving track & infrastructure, in partnership with Central & State governments..

BENGALURU

Transport Minister Byrathi Suresh said that the state government has taken another step towards making women financially independent and a women's driving training institute will be started near Bidadi.

Speaking at a meeting with senior officials of the Transport Department, Transport Minister Byrathi Suresh said that BMTC will build a separate driving training institute for women, a driving track and other infrastructure in the Bidadi Industrial Area.

The Transport Commissionerate is functioning on a rented basis in the BMTC building in Shanthinagar, Bengaluru. In this context, a detailed discussion was held in the meeting regarding the construction of its own building for the Transport Department.

The pros and cons of constructing a transport building on an area of about one acre belonging to KSRTC in Shanthinagar should be examined. The minister instructed the officials to submit a proposal to the government for constructing the building using the department's own resources in a way that does not burden the government. With the construction of this building, all the offices of the Transport Department Commissionerate will function from here.

Minister Byrathi Suresh instructed the officials to take

immediate action to appoint more than 150 transport inspectors and other posts that are vacant in the Regional Transport Department.

Transport Department Secretary Deepa Cholan, Commissioner Selvamani and other senior officials were present in the meeting.

Women's employment in mind

A separate driving training institute for women will be started in partnership with the Central Government and the State Government. AWAKE (Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Karnataka), a women's self-service organization, will provide skill-based training to women, including driving. Women will be trained in driving two-wheelers, three-wheelers and heavy vehicles, Minister Byrathi Suresh informed.

Speaking in Bengaluru earlier, Minister Bairati Suresh said that a total of 4,500 electric buses need to be contracted in the state over a period of eight years. The central government is not providing full funding for these buses. The central government provides only Rs 30 to 35 lakhs per bus. The state government will have to pay about Rs 2,850 to 3,000 crore to the contractor company providing the buses on an annual kilometer basis. However, without mentioning this fact, MP Tejaswi Surya has tried to mislead the people by making statements that the central government will provide everything.

The minister was responding to BJP MP Tejaswi Surya's scathing statement that the state government was not approving the lease of electric buses funded by the central government.

Chalavadi slams govt over blast tragedy

BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy said, seven poor people have lost their lives. What about his family now. Such a big tragedy would not have happened without the involvement of the authorities. Are the Pollution Control Board, the Forest Department and the Mines Department turning a blind eye, he asked. Many politicians are involved in illegal mining in Chikkaballapur, Kolar and Bengaluru regions. There should be an immediate thorough review of this. Complete information about who has permission and who is mining without permission should come out. In fact, there is no permission to carry out blasts here, yet how is it being carried out in such a horrific manner.

India's Got Talent fame Vicky Krish brings international magic show to B'luru

BENGALURU

Bangalore Press Club on Thursday witnessed an enchanting display of magic as acclaimed magician and India's Got Talent fame Vicky Krish enthralled journalists, photographers, and media professionals during a press conference.

Vicky Krish demonstrated a few of his signature and spectacular magic acts before the media fraternity assembled at the conference hall, leaving the audience amazed and offering a glimpse of the grand entertainment that awaits Bengaluru audiences.

Known as one of India's leading contemporary magicians, Vicky Krish has earned widespread recognition for seamlessly blending magic, mind reading, psychology,

comedy and grand illusions into a unique entertainment experience. With over a decade of professional performing experience, he has captivated audiences across India and abroad through his innovative and highly interactive performances.

A finalist of India's Got Talent and a social media sensation with millions of views, Vicky Krish is celebrated for transforming ordinary moments into extraordinary experiences. His performances feature astonishing feats of modern magic, impossible predictions, psychological illusions and audience participation that leave spectators amazed and entertained.

In Bangalore the magic show is from July 4, 5, 11, 12 and 19 at TOWN HALL, JC Road.Speaking about the Bengaluru debut, he said the show promises a perfect blend of intelligence, humour, mystery and wonder, making it an unforgettable outing for families, youngsters and magic enthusiasts alike.

The International Magic Show aims to offer audiences a world-class entertainment experience where the impossible becomes possible and where magic truly meets the mind

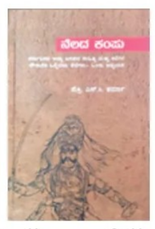
Dr Sharma: An amalgamation of education, research, administration, music and folklore

BENGALURU

Dr. SC Sharma is one of Karnataka's foremost cultural ambassadors whose lifelong dedication has transformed the state's folk heritage into a vibrant cultural movement.

A distinguished folklorist, musicologist, educationist, researcher, institution builder, and administrator, he has devoted his life to preserving, documenting, and promoting Karnataka's rich cultural traditions while ensuring their relevance in contemporary society.

Believing that history survives not only through written records but also through the songs, crafts, customs, and traditions of the people, Dr. Sharma has successfully bridged the wisdom of the past with the aspirations of the future. His landmark publication, Nelada Kampu (The Fragrance of the Land), published by Karnataka Janapada University, docu-



ments the state's diverse folk traditions and cultural heritage. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to folklore, the University conferred upon him an Honorary Doctorate in 2024.Through decades of extensive field research, Dr. Sharma has documented Karnataka's oral traditions, folk songs, rituals, indigenous technologies, craft traditions, and community histories, establishing folklore as a vital expression of collective memory and cultural identity. His establishment of the Kriyakalpa Folk Museum stands as a significant contribution, preserving invaluable artefacts while serving as a centre for research and cultural education.As Vice-Chancellor of Tumkur University (2009–2013), he strengthened academic excellence and fostered a vibrant cultural environment by promoting music, theatre, literature, and folk arts. An accomplished practitioner of Indian classical music and an eminent musicologist, he has consistently advocated integrating music, folklore, and the arts into mainstream education.

His contributions to folklore, rural development, and cultural preservation have earned him the Karnataka Janapada Yakshagana Academy Award (2000), the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Award (2005), the Babu Jagjivan Ram Award (2007), and a nomination for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, 2026. Through his exceptional scholarship and cultural leadership, Dr. SC Sharma has created an enduring legacy that continues to enrich Karnataka's and India's cultural heritage.

Bike ambulances set to return to Bengaluru

BENGALURU

Bike ambulances, which were suspended due to lack of maintenance and poor response, will be back on the road. They will help in providing quick treatment to patients in metropolitan cities in case of emergencies.

These bike ambulances are operating in various parts of the country including Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. This service was started in the state in 2015. At that time, 30 bike ambulances were introduced on an experimental basis. They operated in various parts of the state and provided services to thousands of people.

Due to various reasons including maintenance problems, lack of repairs, and apathy of nursing graduates, one by one the bike ambulances were abandoned. The state government has now shown interest in introducing the bike ambulance service again and 100 bike ambulances will be operational soon.

Bike ambulances were introduced for the first time in the country in Bengaluru.

Karnataka plans 100 new emergency response vehicles to provide quick treatment to patients

The aim was to reduce the death toll due to road accidents and provide quick medical services amidst the traffic congestion. Patients and their families were reluctant to use the service as they were unable to take the patient to the hospital. Due to the increasing traffic congestion in various parts of the state including

Bangalore in recent years, it is becoming difficult for the '108 ambulance' to reach the designated place in a short time in case of an emergency. According to the national standard, the time limit, golden hour, for an ambulance to take a patient to the treatment center is 20 minutes. Due to various reasons including traffic congestion, it is difficult to take a patient to the treatment center within this time limit. Therefore, priority is again being given to the bike ambulance. The time taken by the bike ambulance is 40 percent less compared to the '108 ambulance'.

In various cases including heart attacks and road accidents, immediate treatment can save a person's life. There are examples where treatment has been delayed in some cases due to traffic congestion, further worsening the patient's health. Bike ambulances can travel even on narrow roads and reach the designated location. Their maintenance costs are also low. Therefore, steps have been taken at the government level to reintroduce them, said a department official.

Bike ambulance equipment profile

A bike ambulance functions as a rapid-response paramedic unit designed to navigate congested traffic or inaccessible terrain. Its primary role is to stabilize a patient and deliver emergency care during the critical first hour (the "golden hour") before a standard transport ambulance arrives. Because of space constraints on a motorcycle, the equipment profile is specific.

- DIAGNOSTICS: Glucometer, portable blood pressure monitors, and heart rate monitoring equipment/pulse oximeters.
- RESPIRATORY SUPPORT: Portable oxygen cylinder with flowmeters and airway management tools (like an Ambu bag).
- TRAUMA & FIRST AID: Essential wound care, bandages, and basic life-saving drugs (such as coagulants, aspirin, or adrenaline).

Secret sources of funding for extremism harmful to national security: HC

BENGALURU

The secret sources of terrorism financing are a serious threat to national security these days.

The High Court, which has held that such funding can fuel extremist movements and hence needs to be controlled, has refused to quash the case registered under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) against six office bearers of the US-based Christian missionary organisation 'The Timothy Initiative' (TTI) for allegedly providing financial support to left-wing organisations.

The order was passed by a single-judge bench headed by Justice M. Nagaprasanna, which heard a petition filed by Mika Mark, Jonathan S. Rajan, Ajit Varghese Mathai, Varghese Chacko, Bablu Kurmi and Supreme Joy, all identified with TTI, seeking quashing of the case registered against them under the UAPA Act.

National security is an invisible architecture that rests on the sovereignty, stability and constitutional order of a nation. If such activities are not controlled, ideological extremism can be transformed into organized violence. This will threaten national unity and public safety. Therefore, extreme vigilance should be exercised against the financial channels that feed terrorism for the sake of national security, the bench said.

Further, the allegations against the petitioner are not so serious as to warrant judicial intervention, and any interference in the case at this stage would likely prejudice the investigation.

Therefore, the bench said that there was no need to quash the case at an early stage and dismissed the petition.

Background of the case: Mika Mark, one of the applicants who is the second accused in the case, used to travel abroad on several occasions and used to bring several debit cards while returning from there. Meanwhile, when he arrived in Bengaluru from abroad, he was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate officials at the Kempegowda International Airport.

During the subsequent interrogation, 24 international debit cards were found in his possession. After this, raids were conducted on the premises of the accused under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). During this, it was found that he was operating under the unit of 'The Timothy Initiative' in the US.

The ED lawyers said that 24 debit cards belonging to American Trust Bank were found in the possession of the applicant, from which he made withdrawals of about Rs 100 crore. They used them to provide funds to banned left-wing organizations in Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

Therefore, the investigation has just begun and the application seeking quashing of the case should be dismissed.

SHOULDERS' GET HEAVIER

SIR-school-polio: K'taka govt school teachers triple duty

BENGALURU

After a slow start on day one, the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) gathered pace on Wednesday, with form distribution rising from 2.25 percent to 9.87 percent by 6pm, Wednesday.

Election Commission data showed 54.68 lakh voters had been covered across Karnataka by the second day of the drive. Among those on the ground were government school teachers and ASHA workers, many balancing SIR duty with class-

rooms and the National Pulse Polio Immunization Drive.

The 6pm report also identified 327 duplicate voters, 816 voters who had shifted out of their booth jurisdictions, 1,383 deceased voters still on the rolls, and 21 voters found absent during the exercise.

At multiple polling booth jurisdictions, enumerators found themselves wondering how to balance academics, the pulse po lio campaign and ensuring eligible voters are not missed during the electoral roll revision.

Trying to keep pace with others on day two, Government high school headmistress Kushtar Jehan, assigned to Sudhama Nagar, said on the first day she received the forms but not the register required to record details of households visited on June 30. I started enumeration on July 1 after first recceing the area. Locals are helping identify the houses. I won't go in the morning because I have to ensure children at my school in Bada Makhaan don't miss classes, that's my main worry, she said.

She alternates SIR work with another teacher. Education and SIR are both important, we were told during the DDPI meeting, she said. In Wilson Garden, BBMP Higher Primary School Teacher Ravikumar said he first had to travel to Bommanahalli to collect pending textbooks for students before resuming SIR work.

HC quashes Lokayukta case against Zameer Ahmed's close aide Khan

BENGALURU

The High Court has issued an order quashing the case registered by the Lokayukta police against Sardar Sarfaraz Khan, the personal secretary of former minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, on charges of disproportionate assets.

The order was passed by a bench headed by Justice M Nagaprasanna, which heard the complaint filed by the Lokayukta police against him and the petition filed by Sardar Sarfaraz Khan seeking quashing of the Lokayukta Special Court hearing. A detailed copy of the order is yet to be released.

Following a complaint from the Income Tax Department regarding tax evasion, Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials had earlier conducted a search at the house of Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan. The ED officials had handed over the financial transaction accounts found at that time to the Lokayukta police and requested them to investigate.

QUICK READ

Yadgir labourer killed in quarry rockfall near Bengaluru

Yadgir

A 45-year-old labourer from Yadgir district died after a massive rock fell on him while working at a stone quarry in Madapatna near Bengaluru on Wednesday morning. The deceased has been identified as Ramu Nayak, a resident of Nadihal Devasunayak Tanda in Shahapur taluk. Police said he had migrated to Bengaluru four years ago for work and was employed as a daily wage labourer at the quarry. The accident occurred when a large rock suddenly dislodged and fell on him, killing him on the spot. Police have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the fatal incident.

Govt Notifies Gram Panchayat seat reservation

Vijayapura

The Karnataka government has issued a notification detailing reservation of seats for various categories in territorial constituencies of Gram Panchayats in Vijayapura district ahead of the upcoming general elections. The reservations have been finalised under Section 5 of the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, 1993. According to officials, each Gram Panchayat area has been divided into territorial constituencies and category-wise reservations have been listed in the official gazette under Tables 1 and 2. The notification has been displayed at Tahsildar offices, Taluk Panchayats, and Gram Panchayat offices for public information and for prospective candidates contesting the elections.

Farmers warn Manvi bandh over delay in jowar payment

Ameenpasha Didagi warned of Manvi bandh if issue delays continue, citing monsoon urgency affecting farmers' sowing activities

MANVI

Farmers have issued a strong warning of a bandh if payments for jowar (sorghum) procured from them are not credited within a week. The agitation has intensified after repeated delays in clearing dues, which farmers say have pushed them into severe financial distress.

The protest was held at Hirekotnekal village, where members of the farmers' organisation submitted a memorandum to Tahsildar Bhimaraya Ramasamudra, demanding immediate release of pending payments. Leaders said that nearly four months have passed since the procurement of jowar, but the amount has not yet been deposited into farmers' bank accounts.

Speaking during the protest, Farmers' Organisation State General Secretary Ameenpasha Didagi warned that if the issue is not resolved promptly, a complete bandh in Manvi will be called. He said the delay has severely affected farmers, especially with the onset of the monsoon season, when funds are urgently needed for sowing and agricultural activities.Farmers expressed concern that continued delay in payments is forcing them to depend on loans and informal credit sources, further worsening their economic situation. They urged the administration to intervene and ensure timely settlement of dues without further delay.

Responding to the protest, Tahsildar Bhimaraya Ramasamudra assured the farmers that the matter would be taken up with higher authorities immediately and efforts would be made to ensure that the pending payments are credited to their accounts at the earliest.

Several farmer leaders, including district and taluk-level representatives, participated in the protest and supported the demand for swift action. They reiterated that farmers' rights must be protected and procurement commitments should be honoured without administrative delay.

Haveri orders strict four type waste segregation

HAVERI

Haveri Municipal Commissioner H Kantaraju said that public, business owners, welfare centres, bar and restaurant owners must segregate waste into four types and hand it to municipal auto tippers. He inspected cleanliness drive in various wards of the city in the morning and informed the public. The Solid Waste Management and Handling Rules 2026 have been implemented by Ministry of Forest Environment and Climate Change from 01 April 2026. Kitchen waste food waste vegetable waste meat waste fruit waste flower waste garden waste and other compostable waste are green waste.

Awareness drive urges cooperation for drug-free Karnataka movement

KAMALAPUR

In Kamalapur, an awareness programme on International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was organised at a Government Pre-University College to highlight the rising concern of substance abuse among youth and the urgent need for collective action to build a drug-free society.

Speaking at the programme, PSI Sukhanand Singe said that drug addiction is increasingly affecting young people, leading them away from education and, in some cases, pushing them towards criminal activities. He stressed that creating a drug-free Karnataka is not only the responsibility of the police but also requires active cooperation from the public, especially parents and educational institutions.

He advised parents to carefully observe their children's behaviour, peer groups, and daily activities, and to intervene early if any signs of addiction or negative influence are noticed. According to him, timely guidance and awareness can prevent students from falling into harmful habits that damage their future.

The PSI also explained that drug abuse has wider social consequences, including the breakdown of family systems, increased crime rates, and long-term health issues. He urged students to stay focused on education, develop positive habits, and avoid peer pressure that leads to substance abuse.

College authorities stated that such awareness programmes play a crucial role in educating students about the dangers of drug consumption and illegal trafficking. They added that regular sensitisation activities in schools and colleges can help build a responsible and informed younger generation.

Teachers and resource persons at the event encouraged students to act as ambassadors of awareness within their families and communities. They emphasised that preventing drug abuse requires continuous effort from society as a whole.

The programme concluded with a collective appeal for stronger community participation, consistent awareness campaigns, and coordinated efforts by government departments,

educational institutions, and citizens to achieve the vision of a healthier and drug-free Karnataka.

Farmers seek justice over disputed land records

Farmers petitioned Sandur Tahsildar alleging illegal land record changes, seeking verification, removal of disputed entries and restoration of original owner's name

BALLARI

A group of farmers and descendants of the original landowners submitted a petition to the Sandur Tahsildar's office, alleging that illegal changes were made to land records and seeking justice in a long-standing land dispute. They requested officials to verify the records, remove the disputed entries, and restore the original owner's name in government documents.

According to the petition, around 10 acres and 10 cents of land in Survey Number 20/B belonged to the family of the original owner, Sattappa. The family claimed they had been cultivating the land continuously for three generations. However, they alleged that in 1965, the name of Hanumanthappa, son of Boya Sakrappa, was added to the land records without any valid documents or legal approval.

The petition further stated that the land records were later changed again in the name of Hanumanthappa's relative, who eventually sold the property to another person named Rama Rao. The farmers claimed these changes caused serious injustice to the rightful owners. They demanded a detailed site inspection and legal action to restore the original ownership in official records.

Tahsildar Grade-2 Sudha received the petition and assured the farmers that all available documents would be examined carefully. She said appropriate legal action would be taken after verifying the records and completing the required inquiry.

The land dispute also led to a criminal case at Toranagallu Police Station. According to the complaint filed by N.S. Mariswamy, a group of people allegedly entered the disputed land on June 19 while farming work was underway. The complaint stated that the group abused family members, threatened women, pushed them, and damaged standing crops by driving a tractor through the field.

Local residents intervened to prevent the situation from becoming worse before police arrived.

A case has been registered, and the investigation is continuing.

Farmers expressed hope that both the land records inquiry and the police investigation would ensure justice and help bring a fair and peaceful solution to the long-pending dispute for all concerned.

Leaders said district statue dream is becoming reality under MLA Basavaraja Shivanna with community and local support

Kanakadasa statue work begins in Haveri circle

HAVERI

Jagadguru Sri Niranjanananda Puri Swamiji of Kaginele Kanaka Gurupeeth performed a hoe puja on Thursday at the Kaginele roundabout in Haveri for installing a bronze statue of devotee Kanakadasa. He said installing a statue is not enough and people should follow the ideals of Kanakadasa in their lives. He added that life becomes meaningful when his principles are followed and the area must be kept clean after installation.

Leaders said the installation of the statue was a long standing dream of the district headquarters. Under the leadership of MLA Basavaraja Shivanna, the plan is now becoming reality with support from the community and local groups.

The society provided land for the project and agreed to the installation. The sculptor making the eight and a half feet bronze statue demanded twelve lakh rupees, and after discussion the price was fixed and advance payment given. Haveri Urban Development Authority is helping develop the circle along with government cooperation, and officials hope the work will finish soon for inauguration. Kuruba Samaj leader S F N Ghazi Gowda said the contribution of Kanakadasa is great and it is a matter of pride that the statue is finally coming up after many efforts. He also said donations from society members and a twenty lakh rupees grant will support circle development work.

MLA Basavaraja Shivanna expressed happiness that the community is working together to build the statue and said the circle will also be developed. District Congress president Sanjeev Kumar Neerlagi called it a proud moment and said he contributed financially.

Family Harmony Key to Preventing Elder Abuse, Experts Stress

VIJAYAPURA

Experts at a programme on "Prevention and Awareness of Elder Abuse" emphasised the importance of maintaining harmony within families and fostering mutual understanding between generations to ensure the safety and dignity of senior citizens.

The event was organised by the geriatric medicine department of B.M. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre under BLDE Deemed University. It aimed to raise awareness about the rights of elderly people and the need for a supportive family environment to prevent abuse.

Speaking at the programme, Jagadeesh K., an officer from the Department of Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, said that adapting to changing family dynamics is essential to reduce conflicts at home. He stressed that families should cultivate patience, especially by forgiving minor mistakes of children and maintaining a cooperative attitude among all members. According to him, such values help build a peaceful and supportive household.

Raghavendra Kulkarni, Principal of the Law School, explained various legal provisions available for the protection of senior citizens. He advised elderly individuals to prepare wills carefully and store them securely. He also cautioned against transferring property prematurely to children during one's lifetime, highlighting the importance of financial security in old age.

Medical Superintendent Sanjeev Bentur assured that comprehensive healthcare services, including consultation and geriatric care, are being provided to elderly patients at the hospital.

Tahsildar reviews booth officers during voter revision

KUDLIGI

Tahsildar and Magistrate K.V. Netravati inspected the work of Booth Level Officers during the Special Comprehensive Voter List Revision-2026 in various wards of the town. The visit was conducted to review the ongoing door-to-door voter verification and data collection process being carried out across the constituency.

During the inspection, officials briefed the Tahsildar about the progress of the revision work and the methods being followed to verify voter details. Netravati said that preparing an accurate voter list is an important step in strengthening democracy and ensuring free and fair elections. She stressed that every official involved in the process should perform their duties with sincerity and responsibility.She instructed the Booth Level Officers to make sure that no eligible voter is left out of the revised electoral roll.

Officials Act Together To Protect Farmers From Fraud

MADIKERI

Farmers should not be cheated while buying fertilizers, seeds, or pesticides, and all departments must work together to protect their interests, Deputy Commissioner S.J. Somashekhar said during a district-level task force committee meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's office on Thursday.

The meeting reviewed steps to prevent the sale of fake and poor-quality agricultural products. The Deputy Commissioner said there have been complaints against unauthorized sellers who are misleading farmers by supplying substandard seeds and pesticides. He said such practices cause financial losses and reduce agricultural production. Officials were directed to create greater awareness about identifying genuine fertilizers and maintaining healthy soil through proper fertilizer use.He instructed the Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department, Coffee Board, and Spice Board to educate farmers on suitable fertilizers for different crops. Officials were also asked to ensure there is no shortage of fertilizers anywhere in the district and to immediately report any supply-related issues to the district administration.

VOTER-MAPPING-PROGRESS

District expands voter drive, rural jobs strengthen

KARWAR

The Comprehensive Revision of the Voter List 2026 is moving ahead quickly in Uttara Kannada district, with officials making steady progress in reaching voters across the region. District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner K. Lakshmi Priya said that 3,95,023 Enumeration Forms have already been distributed. The district has 12,30,037 voters, while 11,58,776 people have been successfully mapped. Officials have also computerized 3,036 forms as part of the ongoing revision process.

House-to-house visits are continuing to ensure that the voter list remains accurate and updated. During these visits, officials identified 70 cases linked to changes in voter records. Among them, 18 people had permanently shifted to other places, while 49 deaths were reported. The remaining cases were related to duplicate entries. The administration said the revision work is progressing smoothly with active support from field staff and local residents.

Meanwhile, a new employment scheme launched by the Central Government came into effect on July 1 to improve job opportunities and strengthen rural livelihoods. Chief Executive Officer of the Zilla Panchayat, Dr. Dileesh Shashi, said the Developed India Guarantee for Employment and Livelihood Mission aims to provide eligible rural families with up to 125 days of work instead of the earlier 100 days.

Training has already been provided to officers, technical staff, Panchayat Development Officers, and other employees responsible for implementing the programme. Existing employment cards issued under the earlier MNREGA scheme remain valid, and ongoing works will continue without interruption. Officials said no worker will lose employment because of the transition. They also urged registered workers to complete their mandatory e-KYC process without delay.

The daily wage under the new scheme has increased from Rs. 370 to Rs. 382, with equal pay for both men and women. Wages will be credited to workers' bank accounts within 15 days, while delays will attract compensation. Officials encouraged rural families to benefit from the scheme, helping them find employment near their homes and supporting stronger village development across the district for everyone.

Farmers seek canal water to save crops

MANDYA

Karnataka State Farmers' Association leader Mohan Kumar, popularly known as Kiraguru Papu, has appealed to all MLAs and MPs of Mandya district to urge the Chief Minister and the state government to release water through all canals to save standing crops. He said many farmers borrowed money, pledged gold ornaments, and even depended on private lenders to cultivate their fields. However, poor monsoon rains have left crops drying without enough water.

Papu said releasing water from the KRS reservoir through canals would help protect at least part of the crops and provide relief to struggling farmers. He pointed out that many families depend on one harvest to repay loans, meet household expenses, support children's education, and manage healthcare and family functions. Falling groundwater levels have also reduced water availability in several borewells.

He urged public representatives and water resources authorities to act quickly, release canal water, and find practical solutions to protect farmers and their livelihoods.

Penalty relief offered to speed water projects

Officials said contractors delayed work due to penalties; engineers expect 80% will resume if fines removed

CHITRADURGA

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Dr. S. Akash announced that contractors working under the Jal Jeevan Mission will get relief from the 10 percent delay penalty if they complete their pending work honestly. He made the announcement while chairing the District Water and Sanitation Mission Committee meeting held at the Zilla Panchayat hall.

Officials said many contractors had delayed work because of the penalty. Engineers estimated that nearly 80 percent of them would return and finish the projects if the fine was removed. Based on this suggestion, the CEO said only contractors responsible for poor-quality work would continue to face action. Notices will be issued before July 8, asking eligible contractors to complete the remaining work. Dr. Akash also said he would meet contractors in every taluk and guide them personally.

The meeting decided that contractors who carried out poor work would not receive any relief. A team of Tahsildar, Executive Officer, and engineers inspected the quality of such projects. Based on their report, officials will recover fines from those responsible and place their names on the blacklist without delay.

Dr. Akash also expressed concern over the slow declaration of Har Ghar Jal despite many completed works. He instructed officials to prepare an accurate list of houses in every village and submit a district report by July 10. He directed officials to complete ten projects every week in six taluks and declare Har Ghar Jal status in 240 villages every month.

Officials informed the meeting that 1,559 works were taken up under the Jal Jeevan Mission. So far, 1,011 have been completed, while Har Ghar Jal has been declared in 801 villages. Water is already reaching 615 locations through pipelines.

The scheme aims to provide every rural resident with at least 55 litres of safe drinking water daily through household tap connections. Dr. Akash directed engineers and officials to work together, complete the delayed projects, and ensure safe drinking water reaches every household as early as possible.

QUICK READ

Applications invited for BRC Therapist posts

Chitradurga

Karnataka News, Chitradurga, July 02. Applications are invited for Therapist and Aya or Assistant posts in School Readiness Centres under BRC centres across six taluks of the district on direct contract basis. Therapist candidates must have BPT, DPT, BOT, BSc Occupational Therapy or BASLP degree with relevant experience and monthly salary of Rs 12,000. Aya or Assistant posts require at least seventh pass, local female candidates with experience, and salary of Rs 6,000. Eligible candidates must submit applications in person with attested documents to Deputy Director Administration office, Chitradurga, before July 17, 5 pm. For more details contact the office.

District Collector directs support for substation project

MANDYA

The work of 400 KV power substation at Hampapur in Mandya taluk has begun. District Collector has instructed officials to provide full support for smooth execution of the project. After completion, the power system in Mandya district will become stronger and ensure continuous electricity supply for farmers and residents. It will also improve reliability of power distribution across the district. Collector said that if any land or crops are affected during the project, farmers will receive compensation as per government rules. He also directed that survey and boundary marking of KPTCL substation land should be completed at the earliest. Officials were asked to complete the work quickly with coordination among all departments. The meeting was attended by officials from various departments including forest, land records, and electricity transmission corporation along with tehsildars and engineers. They discussed land survey progress, compensation process, and timely completion of the 400 KV substation project to strengthen power supply in Mandya.

Applications open for disabled welfare schemes

Chitradurga

Karnataka News, Chitradurga, July 02. The District Disabled and Senior Citizens Empowerment Department has invited offline applications from eligible disabled candidates for 2026-27 to avail welfare schemes including education fee reimbursement, marriage financial assistance and health insurance support.

Student stabbed after confronting teasing

CHIKKABALLAPUR

A first-year engineering student was seriously injured after a group of youths allegedly entered her house and attacked her with a knife in Chintamani town on Wednesday evening. Police have registered a case and started an investigation into the shocking incident.

According to the complaint, the student was returning home after attending a dance class at around 4.30 p.m. when two youths, identified as Karthik and Vinod, allegedly teased her near her two-wheeler. When she questioned their behaviour, they reportedly tried to misbehave with her. The student pushed one of them away in self-defence before returning home and informing her mother about what had happened.

Later, at around 8.30 p.m., the two accused allegedly returned with several others and entered the student's house. They reportedly abused her, threatened her, and questioned why she had confronted them earlier. During the argument, Karthik allegedly stabbed the student in the stomach, leaving her seriously injured.

She was first treated at a nearby hospital before being shifted to the Mother and Child Hospital in Chintamani for further treatment. The victim's sister also claimed the attackers threatened to kill the family if they reported the matter. Chintamani Nagar Police have registered a case, launched a search for the accused, and continued further investigation.

Halakatti legacy inspires preservation of Vachana literature: Kantharaj

CHITRADURGA

Deputy Divisional Officer Dr. K. J. Kantharaj said the contribution of Dr. F. Gu. Halakatti to preserving Vachana literature remains unmatched. He praised Halakatti for collecting thousands of Vachanas from different homes and protecting them from being lost forever. He spoke during the Vachana Literature Preservation Day programme held at the District Collector's Office Hall on Thursday.

The event was organised jointly by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Kannada and Culture Department, and the Municipal Council. Dr. Kantharaj paid floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. Halakatti before addressing the gathering. He said Vachana literature was created by ordinary people to fight social evils and promote equality, justice, and moral values.

He explained that the 12th-century Vachana writers opposed blind beliefs and encouraged women's equality through their writings. Their powerful messages would have disappeared with time if Dr. Halakatti had not travelled from house to house collecting palm-leaf manuscripts. Because of his tireless efforts, the works of more than 250 Vachana writers have been preserved for future generations.

Dr. Kantharaj urged young people to respect all languages but give first importance to Kannada, their mother tongue. He said celebrating Dr. Halakatti's birth anniversary as Vachana Literature Preservation Day was a meaningful way to honour his lifelong service and inspire future generations.

Kannada lecturer Dr. G. N. Yashodhara said people who serve society through good work are remembered forever. He noted that famous Vachana writers, including Basavanna, Allama Prabhu, and Akkamahadevi, continue to inspire people because Halakatti preserved their writings. He also said many people read Vachanas but often fail to follow their teachings in daily life, while Halakatti himself lived according to those values.

Dr Kantharaj urged youth to respect all languages but prioritize Kannada, honoring Halakatti's Vachana Literature Preservation Day inspiration

A poetry session organised by the District Kannada Sahitya Parishad highlighted Dr. Halakatti's life and literary contribution. More than 14 poets presented poems during the programme. The participants received books and appreciation certificates. Cultural performances added colour to the celebration, making the event a meaningful tribute to Karnataka's rich literary heritage.

Revenue Inspector Kiran Kumar receives prestigious service honour

PAVAGAD

Revenue Day was celebrated with enthusiasm on Wednesday by the Karnataka State Revenue Department Employees Association, Village Administrative Officers Association, and the Pavagad Taluk Unit. The event brought together officials, employees, and guests to recognise dedicated public service and encourage teamwork among staff members.

The programme was held at the Taluk Office Hall under the chairmanship of Tahsildar Y. Ravi. During the function, Revenue Inspector H.P. Kiran Kumar of Y.N. Hoskote Hobli was honoured with a felicitation letter for his outstanding service and commitment to public duties. The recognition was welcomed with applause from everyone present at the gathering.

Speaking after receiving the honour, Kiran Kumar expressed his happiness and gratitude. He said the appreciation inspired him to continue serving people with sincerity and dedication. He also thanked the Tahsildar for recognising his work and appreciated the support extended by village administrative officers, village assistants, farmers, and the people of Y.N. Hoskote Hobli throughout his service.

As part of the celebrations, employees who had participated in the Revenue Day sports meet were presented with mementos in appreciation of their efforts and enthusiasm. Grade-2 Tehsildar P.S.R. Prasad, Shirastidar Chandrashekhar, Revenue Inspectors Narayan and Rajagopal, Government Employees Association President H.V. Ravikumar, Village Administrative Officers Association President Rajesh, Chalak Prasad, village administrative officers, and village assistants attended the programme, making the celebration memorable for everyone.

Bridge works inspected near Chikkamaskal village site

MAGADI

Under MLA H.C. Balakrishna leadership, the scheme aims to supply clean water to around 20 to 30 villages, including Magadi town and nearby panchayats. Road development works above the bridge have been taken up at a cost of about Rs 3 crore, while land acquisition for Chikkamaskal road improvement is underway with a budget exceeding Rs 10 crore.A major proposal of Rs 96 crore has been approved for road works from Thippasandra Hand Post to Sugganahalli Road under KRDCL. A grant of over Rs 6 crore has been set aside for road development from Hosapete Circle to Balaji Theatre to improve town connectivity.

Block Congress President K. Krishnamurthy said that rural development is being given top priority in the taluk, with several road and drinking water projects worth crores of rupees taken up with different departments.

Speaking after inspecting bridge works near Chikkamaskal village, he said a bridge is being built by KRDCL at a cost of about Rs 10 crore for better travel to Kanakapura and Bengaluru. He said drinking water projects are planned using YG Hill and Manchanabele reservoirs, with pipelines carrying purified water to villages and towns in the region.

Election Commission launches special voter revision drive

KOPPAL

Following directions of Election Commission of India, a Special Comprehensive Revision program was held in Irakallagada to update voter list awareness. Assistant Director of Panchayat Raj Mahesh H called for cooperation in providing information to Booth Level Officers during the program inauguration. Officials said the aim is to include eligible voters and remove deceased, shifted, duplicate and ineligible names from the voter list.

Booth Level Officers will visit every house from June 30 to July 29 to verify details and collect SIR application forms. Each household is encouraged to provide correct details and take opportunity for new voter additions. Students awareness rally started from Government Pre University College, passed through Aralikkatte and ended at college premises with more than 350 students participating.

Several officials, educators and community representatives attended the program and supported the voter list revision awareness activity in Irakallagada village.

CEO said vaccination promotion materials will be provided; urged transparency, accountability, service spirit, with officials and panchayat discussing governance improvements

CEO orders transparent and responsible Panchayat work

MANDYA

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Nandini K. R. instructed all Gram Panchayat officers and staff to mandatorily record their attendance through the duty app, stressing transparency and responsibility in public service delivery.

She said any technical issues in the attendance system must be resolved within one week, and regular recording must be ensured without fail across all panchayats. During a video conference at the Zilla Panchayat Kesavan Hall, she directed officials to improve discipline, transparency, and quality of services in gram panchayat administration.

Panchayat Development Officers were instructed to receive phone calls from the public and respond promptly, maintaining cordial relations and ensuring people friendly administration at all times.

She said many complaints are being received that PDOs are not reachable during office hours, which is affecting grievance redressal at the field level. She directed PDOs in charge of two gram panchayats to display their availability schedule on notice boards so that the public does not face inconvenience. She fixed weekly working days for PDOs in different panchayats, assigning specific days for primary and additional postings.

Officials were instructed to visit at least one gram panchayat every week, review development works, and submit detailed reports for district level monitoring. Taluk level officers including assistant directors and accountants were also asked to conduct weekly inspections and submit field reports without delay. She emphasized the importance of HPV vaccination for girls aged 14 to 15.5 years and called for awareness programs through gram panchayats.

The CEO said that promotional materials will be provided to support the vaccination campaign across all villages in the district. She urged officials to maintain transparency, accountability, and service spirit while ensuring quality public services for rural citizens. Senior district officials and panchayat representatives attended the meeting and discussed implementation strategies for improving governance.

Officials said that continuous monitoring, weekly reviews, and strict discipline in gram panchayats will strengthen rural governance.

SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES

Experts guide farmers on fertilizer alternatives

GADAG

A one-day workshop on fertilizer shortage management and alternative crop practices was held at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hulakoti in collaboration with the Zilla Panchayat, Agriculture Department Gadag, ICAR KH Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra Hulakoti, and Institute of Agricultural Technologists Gadag on Thursday.

Assistant Director of Agriculture M. S. Kulkarni welcomed participants and delivered the introductory remarks

at the programme attended by officials, scientists, and progressive farmers from across the district.

The workshop was inaugurated by the District Agricultural Society President and the Joint Director of Agriculture, who highlighted the importance of sustainable farming practices during changing agricultural conditions.

State representative Shivappa Siddappa Arahunasi spoke on organic farming methods and encouraged farmers to reduce chemical dependency for better soil health and long term productivity. District Agricultural Society Director Mahesh Bashetappa Hogesoppina expressed happiness over the initiative and said such awareness programmes benefit farmers facing input challenges.

Joint Director of Agriculture Chetana Patil explained departmental support schemes and addressed the issue of slight shortage of DAP fertilizer, advising farmers to use complex fertilizers and nano urea as alternatives. She also stressed soil fertility management, crop survey accuracy, rainfall condition updates, and encouraged farmers to explore alternative crops based on local conditions.

Concerns were raised regarding misuse of urea distribution by some dealers, and officials were urged to take strict action and strengthen cooperative societies for fair distribution. Krishi Vigyan Kendra Head Dr. Sudha V. Mankani emphasized reducing chemical fertilizer use and adopting organic and natural farming practices for sustainable agriculture. District Krishi Samaj President Veerendra Gowda Shankara Gowda Patil said the programme reflected the expectations of the state body and should be extended to taluk levels. Soil scientist N. H. Bhandi delivered a technical lecture on fertilizer shortage management and alternative cropping systems suitable for the region.

Officials from horticulture, sericulture, animal husbandry, and NRLM departments explained various government schemes and support systems available to farmers. Experts including Dr. Basavaraj Navi shared experiences in natural farming and explained methods to improve soil fertility and yield through eco friendly practices.

QUICK READ

Bridge collapses near Karkisaval halts traffic movement

Siddapura

A portion of a small bridge near Karkisaval in Siddapura taluk collapsed, disrupting vehicular movement and forcing suspension of public bus services on the Harsikatta–Karkisaval–Galijaddi route. The 3.5 km stretch has been in poor condition with potholes and landslides, making travel difficult for residents. The damaged 68-metre bridge reportedly gave way after an adjacent fig tree fell onto it. Daily commuters, including students and dairy transport vehicles, have been severely affected. Villagers from surrounding settlements have urged the zilla panchayat to urgently repair the road and reconstruct the bridge to restore safe connectivity and prevent further inconvenience for local residents.

Application date extended for cooperative diploma training

Chikkaballapura

Karnataka Institute of Cooperative Management has extended application dates for six month Diploma in Cooperative Management training from July 1 to July 10, 2026.

Private candidates from Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru, Chikkaballapura, Kolar and Bengaluru South districts, unemployed Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates, and cooperative society employees are eligible.Minimum educational qualification is SSLC pass. Age limit is 16 years. Selected candidates will receive monthly stipend of Rs 500 and unemployed SC and ST candidates will receive Rs 600. Application deadline is July 10.

District Consumer Commission orders insurance company payment

Chikkaballapura

The District Consumer Commission has ordered an insurance company to pay compensation to a policyholder after rejecting a medical claim.

Ganesh D.N. of Bagepalli had taken a family insurance policy with NIVA BUOA Health Insurance Company Limited, but his daughter's treatment expenses were denied. The complainant filed a case with the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, which found service deficiency and violation of IRDAI rules. It ordered payment of Rs 20,00,000 with 6.5 percent interest, plus Rs 25,000 penalty and Rs 12,000 legal costs to the complainant. Chairman N Kumar announced the order officially today.

National Lok Adalat scheduled across district courts

Lok Adalat will handle compoundable criminal, loan recovery, cheque bounce, accident claims, employment, wage, land and utility disputes

CHIKKABALLAPURA

A grand National Lok Adalat will be held across all courts in the district on July 11 to help people settle disputes quickly, cheaply, and peacefully, said Principal District and Sessions Judge and District Legal Services Authority Chairman Justice T. P. Ramalingegowda.

Speaking at a press conference at the District Court Hall, he said more than 50,306 cases are pending in various courts in Chikkaballapura district, and a large number of them have been selected for settlement through the upcoming Lok Adalat.

He said the main aim is to dispose of over 5,000 cases through mutual settlement with the cooperation of both parties and lawyers, reducing the burden on courts and helping citizens resolve disputes faster.

The Lok Adalat will cover a wide range of cases including criminal compoundable cases, bank loan recovery disputes, cheque bounce cases, motor accident compensation claims, employment reinstatement issues, wage disputes of industrial workers, land acquisition matters, and electricity and water tariff cases.

He added that cases from the Debt Recovery Tribunal, civil disputes, and Permanent Lok Adalat matters will also be taken up for settlement through mediation and agreement between parties.

Family court matters, except divorce cases, can also be resolved through mutual consent, he said, adding that even pre litigation cases not yet filed in court can be settled through this process.

Justice Ramalingegowda explained that settlement through Lok Adalat saves time and money, reduces repeated court visits, and helps maintain peace by avoiding prolonged disputes between parties.

He said the District Legal Services Authority is continuously working throughout the year through mediation centres and Lok Adalats to resolve disputes and promote harmony in society.

He advised citizens to first approach concerned departments for grievance redressal and then seek help from legal services authorities if needed, where free legal aid and guidance are available.

He also appealed to the media to highlight unresolved public issues and inform the authority when departments fail to respond properly.

People interested in participating in the Lok Adalat on July 11 can contact the District Legal Services Authority or Taluk Legal Services Committees for information and assistance.

Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Member Secretary Shilpa also attended the press conference along with court officials and legal representatives, supporting the awareness drive for peaceful dispute resolution across the district.

Chairing review meeting, he prioritized sanitation workers' health and safety, ordering hygienic meals and better working conditions

DC urge timely welfare delivery for Safai Karmacharis

GADAG

Gadag Deputy Commissioner C. N. Sridhar has directed officials to ensure that all welfare schemes and benefits meant for Safai Karmacharis are delivered without delay, stressing that timely implementation is essential for their wellbeing and dignity.

Chairing the district-level review meeting on Safai Karmachari welfare schemes at the Deputy Commissioner's office, he said that the health and safety of sanitation workers must be given top priority. He instructed departments to ensure the regular provision of hygienic meals and proper working conditions for sanitation staff.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that workers must be supplied with essential safety equipment such as hand gloves, masks, boots, and safety jackets. He also directed officials to verify whether these protective items are being properly used in the field to prevent occupational hazards.

He further instructed that salaries of Safai Karmacharis should be paid on time without delays. In the case of contract workers, he asked authorities to strictly monitor contracting agencies to ensure timely wage payments along with statutory benefits such as ESI and PF. He added that payments to contractors should be released only after confirming full compliance with labor welfare norms.

The meeting also discussed the construction of a dedicated Bhimashraya rest house for sanitation workers. Officials reviewed plans for the demolition of unsafe and unhygienic toilets and the need to conduct awareness programs on the use of safety equipment.District officials including the Urban Development Cell Project Director Basanagouda Kottur, District Surgeon Dr. B. C. Karigoudar, Lead Bank Manager Santosh M. V., and Social Welfare Department Deputy Director Nanda Hanabaratti participated in the meeting.

No bribes needed for regularisation process says MLA

PUTTUR

MLA Ashok Kumar Rai has urged citizens not to pay bribes for land regularisation under the "Akram Sakrama" scheme, stressing that the process is being carried out transparently and efficiently through official channels.

The statement was made during the 24th Akram Sakrama meeting and the distribution of title deeds under Form 94C held at the community hall of Nidpalli Gram Panchayat. The MLA personally distributed land ownership documents to eligible beneficiaries at the event.

He emphasized that no citizen should feel compelled to pay money to get their work done, noting that bribery has unfortunately become a common practice that must be stopped. He also warned that any official demanding bribes should be reported directly to him.

According to him, many pending land records belonging to economically weaker sections had been stuck in revenue offices for years. He said these files are now being cleared systematically, ensuring that rightful beneficiaries receive their land titles without unnecessary delay.

The MLA also stated that during the election campaign, he had promised doorstep delivery of land documents, and the ongoing distribution process is part of fulfilling that commitment.

Officials from the Akram Sakrama committee, including Secretary S. B. Koodalagi, said that such meetings are being held regularly in the Puttur assembly constituency and that long-pending cases are being resolved over the past two years.

MLA said pending land records of weaker sections were stuck for years but now being cleared, ensuring titles and doorstep delivery as promised

Committee members Mohammed Badagannur, Ramanna Pilinja, and Rooparekha Alva were present at the program, along with revenue officials. Authorities reiterated that transparency and accountability remain central to the land regularisation process, and public cooperation is essential for its success.

Healthcare needs: Subrahmanya residents warn non-political stir

SUBRAHMANYA

Residents of Kukke Subrahmanya and nearby villages have warned of a large-scale non-political protest on July 10 if their demands for proper healthcare services are not met within ten days. A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the local protest committee held at the Kumara Dhara hall of the Subrahmanya Gram Panchayat.

The meeting brought together representatives from Subrahmanya, Ainekidu, and Yenekallu regions, where participants strongly emphasized the urgent need to improve the Primary Health Centre in the area. Locals stated that the facility is the only accessible healthcare option for hundreds of residents and pilgrims visiting the temple town.

According to residents, the health centre currently suffers from a severe shortage of permanent doctors and essential medical staff. They alleged that the hospital does not provide 24-hour emergency services and is often closed after 5 p.m., forcing patients in critical condition to travel long distances to Puttur or Mangaluru for treatment.

Although a new hospital building has been constructed and basic medical equipment has been installed, the lack of staffing has prevented full-scale operations. Villagers demanded immediate appointment of permanent doctors and support staff to ensure round-the-clock healthcare services.

The committee warned that if the government and the health department fail to address these issues within ten days, the residents will launch an apolitical protest, setting aside party affiliations to unite for their cause.

Speakers at the meeting also expressed dissatisfaction over delays in implementing assurances given by the then Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao. They said that despite instructions issued to district health authorities two months ago, no visible progress has been made.

Community members including Shivaram Rai, Vimala Rangayya, Ravi Kakkepadavu, and others participated in the meeting. They reiterated that the movement will continue until reliable and continuous healthcare services are ensured for the region.

Honnali Marikamba festival to be held from August 4

HONNALI

The grand Sri Marikamba Jatra Mahotsava in Honnali town will be held for three days from August 4 to 6, with traditional rituals and festive celebrations planned on a large scale, according to the festival committee.

Committee president Dharmappa H.A. announced the details after performing the ceremonial "chappara pooja" at the Sri Marikamba temple premises. He said that special sub-committees have been formed involving both senior citizens and youth to ensure smooth conduct of the festival.

He emphasized that the success of the festival depends on the active participation of all residents and devotees, adding that collective involvement would help the event gain recognition as one of the most successful traditional fairs in the state. He appealed for peaceful and united celebration of the festival.

Bailu Seeme Development Board Chairman H.B. Manjappa said that a cultural entertainment program will be organized on the evening of August 3, a day prior to the jatra, for the benefit of the public.

On August 4, the grand procession of Goddess Marikamba will begin from Sri Durgambika temple in Kumbar Street and proceed through major streets of the town accompanied by dollu kunitha, bhajans, and various folk art troupes. The procession will conclude at the Sri Devi Gaddi behind Sri Haladamma temple, where the deity will be ceremonially installed followed by Maha Mangalarathi and ritual offerings.

Vachana literature praised as rich Kannada heritage

CHIKKABALLAPURA

Vachana literature is one of the most important traditions of Kannada language and it has been praised for its rich values and history.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr N Bhaskar said that Dr Fa Gu Halakatti played a key role in collecting, preserving and sharing Vachana works for future generations. He spoke at a program organized by Kannada and Culture Department on Vachana Literature Preservation Day at the District Commissioner's office hall.

He said Kannada is a beautiful, scientific and ancient language with rich literary heritage compared to other languages of the world. Vachana literature teaches equality, humanity, respect for hard work and strong life values in society. He added that everyone has responsibility to pass this literature to the next generation.

Retired Principal Dr C Nagaratnamma said Vachana literature is simple and understandable for common people. She said saints like Basavanna, Allama Prabhu and Akkamahadevi contributed greatly to social reform through vachanas.

Halakatti, though a lawyer, dedicated his life to collecting and publishing Vachana literature. He travelled across Karnataka, searched old manuscripts, and preserved valuable Vachana texts for society. He sold his house in Bijapur, set up a printing press and published Vachanas in book form. His efforts ensured Vachana literature reached common people and gained lasting recognition in history.

The government celebrates his birthday as Vachana Literature Conservation Day every year. The program also honored students with Pratibha Puraskar for their achievements. Officials from various departments attended and supported the event. Speakers emphasized the need to encourage youth participation and spread Vachana values widely through educational and cultural programs across the district.

ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS DRIVE HELD AT CREATIVE COLLEGE KARKALA

KARKALA

An Anti-Drug Day programme under the nationwide "Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan" was organised at Creative College, Karkala on Thursday to create awareness among students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and to promote a healthy, drug-free society.

The event saw active participation from students, faculty members and staff who gathered to highlight the importance of staying away from substance abuse. Speakers at the programme explained how drugs negatively impact physical health, mental stability, academic performance and overall social behaviour. They cautioned that addiction not only destroys individual lives but also affects families and communities.

Resource persons emphasised that youth are often the most vulnerable to peer pressure and misinformation, making awareness programmes essential in educational institutions. They encouraged students to make informed choices and adopt positive habits that support personal growth and discipline.

As part of the programme, students were encouraged to take a formal pledge committing themselves to staying away from drugs and spreading awareness among their peers. Faculty members also stressed the role of colleges in shaping responsible citizens and guiding young people towards constructive and value-based living.

The "Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan" is a national initiative aimed at reducing demand for drugs through education, awareness campaigns and community participation. Institutions across India regularly conduct such programmes to strengthen preventive efforts, especially among students and young adults.

Interactive sessions were also held where students were given opportunities to ask questions and share their views on social pressures and addiction risks. Organisers said the objective was not only to inform but also to build long-term behavioural change among youth.

TRANSPARENT-ELECTORAL-SYSTEM

SIR campaign strengthens democratic process in Gangavati

GANGAVATI

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) campaign of the voter list was launched as part of efforts to strengthen and improve the accuracy of the electoral system. The initiative was formally inaugurated at the residence of MLA Gali Janardhana Reddy, where he himself filled out the enumeration form, marking the beginning of the drive.

Election officials, including Booth Level Officers (BLOs), received completed application forms from the MLA and issued acknowledgment receipts. The campaign aims to ensure that all eligible citizens are properly registered in the voter list, making the electoral roll more accurate, transparent, and comprehensive.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Gali Janardhana Reddy described the SIR initiative as an important process for strengthening democracy. He urged citizens to actively participate by providing necessary documents and accurate information to BLOs visiting households. He emphasized that every eligible voter must be correctly included in the list, as it reflects the strength of democratic governance.

He appealed to the public not to neglect the process and to cooperate fully to ensure its success. According to him, active participation in voter registration updates is essential for safeguarding democratic rights and ensuring fair representation.

The program was attended by officials including Tahsildar U. Vasanthakumari, Municipal Commissioner R. Virupakshamurthy, BLO Girijamma, and BLA-1 Veeresh Balkundi, along with several local leaders and party workers.

In a separate appeal, former MLA Paranna Munavalli also urged citizens to cooperate with the voter list revision campaign. He said that the exercise would help improve future electoral accuracy and benefit the public in the long run.

Officials reiterated that the SIR campaign is a crucial democratic exercise and called for full cooperation from all sections of society to ensure its successful implementation.

Centre-Assam discuss fisheries, dairy growth roadmap

The discussions focused on maximizing the state's abundant natural resources while creating new opportunities for farmers, entrepreneurs, and rural communities

NEW DELHI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma held a high-level meeting with Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh in New Delhi on Thursday to formulate a comprehensive roadmap for accelerating the development of Assam's fisheries and dairy sectors.

The discussions focused on maximizing the state's abundant natural resources while creating new opportunities for farmers, entrepreneurs, and rural communities.

The meeting primarily explored ways to significantly increase fish production across Assam and establish the state as a leading fish-producing and fish-exporting hub. Both leaders examined strategies to strengthen the fisheries value chain by improving processing infrastructure, expanding storage facilities, and enhancing market access for producers. They also discussed initiatives aimed at improving export capabilities to enable Assam's fish products to reach national and international markets more efficiently.

Following the meeting, Chief Minister Sarma shared details through a social media post, describing the interaction as highly productive. He praised the Union Minister's extensive experience and in-depth understanding of the fisheries and dairy sectors. According to Sarma, the discussions focused on converting Assam's immense natural potential into practical development initiatives capable of generating long-term economic growth.

The Chief Minister emphasized that increasing fish production alone would not be sufficient and highlighted the importance of developing an integrated value chain. This includes strengthening processing facilities, expanding cold storage infrastructure, improving transportation networks, and creating better marketing channels that can increase returns for fish farmers while supporting exports.

Alongside fisheries, considerable attention was devoted to strengthening Assam's dairy sector through infrastructure development and improved institutional support. The leaders reviewed measures to expand dairy cooperatives across the state, allowing more farmers to participate in organized milk production and marketing systems.

The meeting also examined plans to improve veterinary healthcare services by expanding veterinary hospitals and establishing additional animal medicine centres. Officials discussed setting up Ultra High Temperature milk processing plants and milk powder manufacturing units to enhance milk preservation, reduce wastage, and increase the state's dairy processing capacity.

Another key area of discussion involved improving cattle productivity through expanded artificial insemination programmes. Officials believe that better breeding practices, combined with improved veterinary care and nutrition, can significantly increase milk production while improving livestock health across rural Assam. Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh also described the meeting as warm and productive, reaffirming the Central Government's commitment to supporting Assam's fisheries and dairy development.

Cong leader calls for Article 370 restoration through dialogue

SRINAGAR

Veteran Congress leader and former Union Minister Saifuddin Soz on Thursday called for the restoration of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, urging regional political parties and the Congress to jointly press the Central Government on the issue.

He argued that the special constitutional provision represented the region's internal autonomy and said its abrogation had weakened the trust between Jammu and Kashmir and the Union of India.

Speaking on the issue, Soz maintained that the Centre had made a mistake by revoking Article 370 and asserted that the Union Government did not possess the authority to remove the constitutional provision in the manner it did. He appealed to political parties across Jammu and Kashmir to launch a peaceful and united movement seeking the restoration of the region's special status.

The former Union Minister said the National Conference, the Peoples Democratic Party, the Apni Party, the Congress, and other political organizations should work together to present a common position before the Central Government. According to him, a united democratic effort would be the most effective way to communicate the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Soz further stated that the people of the region had placed their faith in India's secular democratic framework at the time of accession. He argued that this trust should be respected and that the concerns of the people should be addressed through political engagement rather than administrative or security measures. He maintained that durable solutions could only emerge through dialogue and constitutional processes.

The Congress leader also reiterated his belief that peaceful negotiations remain the only effective way to resolve conflicts, both domestically and internationally. Referring to his support for a recent appeal urging India and Pakistan to resume diplomatic engagement, Soz said he had joined other signatories in writing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif because he believes continued dialogue is essential for regional stability.

According to Soz, wars have historically failed to produce lasting solutions, while negotiations have eventually resolved many international disputes. He pointed to experiences in Europe, where prolonged conflicts ultimately concluded through diplomatic agreements rather than military victories.

Govt rules out immediate reduction in retail fuel prices

NEW DELHI

The government said petrol and diesel prices will remain unchanged despite global oil fluctuations due to financial constraints

Consumers hoping for an immediate reduction in petrol and diesel prices may have to wait longer, as Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri clarified on Thursday that current economic conditions do not justify lowering retail fuel prices.

The minister said state-run oil marketing companies are still recovering substantial financial losses and managing inventories purchased when international crude oil prices were significantly higher.

Speaking on the issue of fuel pricing, Puri stated that retail petrol and diesel prices in India have remained relatively stable despite considerable volatility in global crude oil markets over the past several years. According to the minister, petrol prices have increased by only 5.58 percent during the last four years, while diesel prices have risen by 6.23 percent over the same period, reflecting the government's efforts to shield consumers from international price shocks.

The minister explained that public sector oil marketing companies continue to recover cumulative under-recoveries amounting to approximately Rs 2.18 lakh crore. In addition, these companies are still holding fuel stocks that were procured when global crude oil prices were much higher than current levels. These financial pressures, he said, make an immediate reduction in retail fuel prices economically impractical.

Puri emphasized that under the present circumstances, demands for a cut in petrol and diesel prices are not justified. He maintained that the government's priority has been to ensure uninterrupted fuel availability while minimizing the impact of international market volatility on domestic consumers.

Highlighting India's response to recent geopolitical developments, the minister referred to tensions surrounding the Strait of Hormuz, a strategically important shipping route for global oil supplies. He said the country successfully managed the situation without any disruption in fuel distribution or shortages across the nation.

According to Puri, none of India's approximately 1.07 lakh fuel retail outlets reported running out of fuel during the period of heightened global uncertainty. He credited the government's proactive planning and efficient supply chain management for maintaining uninterrupted fuel availability despite challenges in international energy markets.

The minister further stated that India has absorbed a substantial portion of the fluctuations in global crude oil prices instead of passing the full burden on to consumers. He said this approach has helped maintain relative price stability while ensuring that essential fuel supplies continue without interruption across the country.

Looking beyond immediate pricing concerns, Puri outlined the government's long-term strategy to strengthen India's energy infrastructure and enhance energy security. He announced that the country's refining capacity is expected to reach 309.5 million metric tonnes per annum by 2030 through a combination of refinery expansion projects and new greenfield facilities.

'Big day for state': Bihar BJP chief on Patna metro extension

PATNA

As Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary inaugurated the extended section of the Patna Metro Rail Project up to Malahi Pakri on Thursday, BJP state President Sanjay Saraogi called it a big day for the state.

This marks another milestone in the expansion of the city's metro network. Bihar BJP chief Sanjay Saraogi said the extension would significantly improve urban connectivity and benefit residents of the state.

Speaking about the inauguration, Saraogi said, The Chief Minister has inaugurated the stations today. We are extending the Patna Metro network over time, and it will benefit the people of the state. This is a big day for Bihar.

With the latest expansion, two additional stations will become operational on the Blue Line of the Patna Metro. The newly added stations are Khemnichak Metro Station and Malahipakri Metro Station, further extending the existing operational corridor. Earlier, during a review meeting held at Lok Sewak Awas in Patna on June 29, the Chief Minister conducted a detailed assessment of the progress of the Patna Metro Rail Project and issued several directions to officials overseeing its implementation.

During the meeting, CM Choudhary stressed that a definite timeline should be fixed for every phase of the project and directed officials to ensure that all construction work is completed within the prescribed schedule. He also emphasised that the quality of construction should not be compromised under any circumstances.

The Chief Minister further instructed officials to accelerate work at multiple project sites to ensure timely completion.

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **20.07.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.30 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 86,24,87,011.84/- as on 01.07.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) M/s Rafah-Ul-Muslimeen Educational Trust (Regd)** Represented by its Hon. Secretary – Mr. Taj Mohammed Khan, Farooqia Educational Complex, Umar Khayyam Road, Eidgah; Tilaknagar, Mysore 570 021, **(2) Mr. (Prof) Riaz Ahmed,** President &Trustee, **(3) Mr. Taj Mohammed Khan,** Secretary & Trustee, **(4) Mr. K C Shoukath Pasha,** Joint Secretary & Trustee, **(5) Dr. Abdur Rahman,** Trustee, **(6) Dr. M Sayeeb Ahmed,** Trustee, **(7) Mr. S P Ahmed Jan,** Trustee. **(8) Mr. (Prof.) Syed Akheel Ahmed,** Trustee, **(9) Mr. Ahmed Agha,** Trustee, **(10) Mr. Arif Mehkri,** Trustee, **(11) Dr. Muneer Ahmed,** Trustee, **(12) Mr. A S Sardar,** Trustee, **(13) Mr. Akbar Sayeed,** Trustee (now reportedly died), **Address of the above 2 to 13** M/s Rafah-Ul-Muslimeen Educational Trust (Regd), Farooqia Educational Complex, Umar Khayyam Road, Eidgah; Tilaknagar, Mysore 570021.
The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **19.07.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value	Inspection date & time
1	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. A, Municipal Khatha No. A-1 to A-14, Situated at Laskar Mohalla, Mahadevpura Road, Udayagiri Mysore-570019. Measuring East to West 500 Feet and North to South 170+150/2 feet** and bounded on East By: Road West By: Road North By: Road South By: Road. Total extent of the property is 32,084 Sq ft. **Coordinates of the property, Latitude- 12.3243566, Longitude- 76.6749867**	₹. 605.00	₹. 60.50	₹. 1.00	13.07.2026 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer
2	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. A, Municipal Khatha No. A-1 to A-14, Situated at Laskar Mohalla, Mahadevpura Road, Udayagiri Mysore-570019. Measuring East to West 500 Feet and North to South 170+150/2 feet and bounded on East By: Road West By: Road North By: Road South By: Road. Total extent of the property presently valued is 47916.99 Sq ft out of 80,000 Sq ft. **Latitude- 12.3243566, Longitude- 76.6749867**	₹. 839.00	₹. 83.90	₹. 1.00	
3	All that piece and parcel of 4 Acres of land in Sy. No. 93/2-P-1, Belavatha Village @ Manti Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District bounded by East By : Land of Sanjeev Nayak, West By : Land, Mohammed Saheb, North By : Purniahana Nala, South By : Land of Chikkanna. **Coordinates of the property, Latitude- 12.3537780, Longitude- 76.6470830**	₹. 292.00	₹. 29.20	₹. 1.00	
	TOTAL	1736.00			

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Date : 02.07.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR
C. Mis. No. 413/2026

Sri. MUKTHAR, Aged about 54 years, S/o. Late. Anwar Basha, R/at, # Door No.2177, Ward No. 24, Ganigarapete, Doddaballapur Town, Bangalore Rural Dist-561203 And Others ...PETITIONERS.

V/s

The Commissioner CMC,
CMC Doddaballapur. ...RESPONDENT

PAPER DRAFT PUBLICATION

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petitioner under section 13(3) & 14 of birth and death Act rules 1969, directing the respondent to issue the death Certificate of petitioner's Grand father **Abdul Kareem, S/o. Late. Maktoom,** who was reportedly died on **10-09-1956,** at his residency at, Ganigarapete, Doddaballapur Town, Bengaluru Rural District.

Hence you are hereby summoned to appear before this court either in person or through an advocate duly instructed on your behalf on 31-07-2026 at 11 A.M. to answer or oppose the case thereto.

Take notice, if you fail to appear on the above said date and time, the case will be heard and decided ex-party.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 02-07-2026.

By the order of the court :
Chief Ministeral Officer
II Additional Civil Judge & JMFC at Doddaballapur

Advocate for Petitioner : Abdul Mujeeb
Doddaballapur

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR
C. Mis. No. 414/2026

Sri. MUKTHAR, Aged about 54 years, S/o. Late. Anwar Basha, R/at, # Door No.2177, Ward No. 24, Ganigarapete, Doddaballapur Town, Bangalore Rural Dist-561203 And Others ...PETITIONERS.

V/s

The Commissioner CMC,
CMC Doddaballapur. ...RESPONDENT

PAPER DRAFT PUBLICATION

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petitioner under section 13(3) & 14 of birth and death Act rules 1969, directing the respondent to issue the death Certificate of petitioner's Grand mother **Khatun Bi W/o Late Abdul Kareem,** who was reportedly died on **06-03-2006,** at his residency at, Ganigarapete, Doddaballapur Town, Bengaluru Rural District.

Hence you are hereby summoned to appear before this court either in person or through an advocate duly instructed on your behalf on 31-07-2026 at 11 A.M. to answer or oppose the case thereto.

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Advocate for Petitioner : Abdul Mujeeb
Doddaballapur

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR
C. Mis. No. 291/2026

Sri. ABDUL KAREEM, Aged about 48 years, S/o. Late. Mohamed Khasim, R/at, # Door No.2637, Chickpet, Doddaballapur Town, Bangalore Rural Dist-561203 And Others ... PETITIONERS

V/s

The Commissioner CMC,
CMC Doddaballapur. ... RESPONDENT.

PAPER DRAFT PUBLICATION

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petitioner under section 13(3) & 14 of birth and death Act rules 1969, directing the respondent to issue the death Certificate of petitioner's mother, **Fathima Bi W/o. Late. Mohamed Khasim,** who was reportedly died on **10-11-2013,** at his residency at, Chickpet, Doddaballapur Town, Bengaluru Rural District.

Hence you are hereby summoned to appear before this court either in person or through an advocate duly instructed on your behalf on 31-07-2026 at 11 A.M. to answer or oppose the case thereto.

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BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Zone-2,
Vijayanagar Division, 1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavan,
3rd Main Road, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560040.

No: EE(VJN)/TEND/KPPP/06/2026-27 **Date: 01-07-2026**

INVITATION FOR TENDER - (IFT)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Vijayanagara Division, BWCC, Bengaluru invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers registered in GBA or equivalent registration with PWD / CPWD or any State Government Organization for the works detailed below.

(Standard Tender Documents - KW-2)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category
1	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 82, Attiguppe. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 33.74, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 67,480.00**
2	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 83, Hampinagara. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.65, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,300.00**
3	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 84, Hosahalli. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.63, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,260.00**
4	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs & Paver Blocks in Ward No. 85, Adi Chunchanagiri. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.64, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,280.00**
5	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs & Paver Blocks in Ward No. 86, Vidyaranyanagara. **(ST) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.64, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 29,640.00**
6	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 87, K.P. Agrahara. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.64, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,280.00**
7	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs & Paver Blocks in Ward No. 88, Sangolli Rayanna. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.66, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,320.00**
8	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 89, Bapujinagara. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.64, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,280.00**
9	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs & Paver Blocks in Ward No. 90, Krishnadevaraya. **(CAT-II(A)) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 33.75, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 33,750.00**
10	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 91, Gali Anjaneya. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 33.76, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 67,250.00**
11	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 92, Muneshwara Block. **(SC) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.63, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 29,630.00**
12	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs and Paver Blocks in Ward No. 93, Avalahalli. **(CAT-II(A)) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.66, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 29,660.00**
13	Annual Maintenance for Footpath, Desilting of Drains, Shoulder and Grating Cleaning, Resetting of Broken Slabs & Paver Blocks in Ward No. 94, Deepanjalinagara. **(Others) - Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 29.64, EMD (in Rs.): Rs. 59,280.00**

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 06-07-2026. 2)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **17-07-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **18-07-2026 at 4.30 PM. 4)** Date and Time for Opening Financial Bid: **20-07-2026 at 4.00 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

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Odisha signs historic aluminium investment deal with global partners

Odisha secured a landmark investment agreement to establish an integrated aluminium value chain and generate thousands of jobs

BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Thursday hailed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Odisha government, Adani Enterprises Limited, and the United Arab Emirates-based International Holding Company as a landmark achievement in the state's industrial development.

The agreement aims to establish an integrated aluminium value chain in Odisha through one of the country's largest proposed foreign investments in the mining and metallurgy sector.

The ambitious project will be implemented through a joint venture between Adani Enterprises Limited and International Resources Holding, a company within the International Holding Company Group. The initiative is expected to attract an investment of approximately 11.5 billion United States dollars, equivalent to nearly Rs 1.10 lakh crore, making it one of the most significant industrial investments in Odisha's history.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Chief Minister Majhi described the partnership as a transformative milestone that would strengthen Odisha's position in the global aluminium industry. He said the project is expected to generate more than 53,500 employment opportunities, providing a major boost to the state's economy while creating long-term livelihood prospects for thousands of young people.

The Chief Minister expressed confidence that the collaboration would successfully combine Odisha's abundant mineral resources and skilled workforce with the financial strength, technological expertise, and industrial capabilities of investors from the Middle East. He stated that this partnership would accelerate industrial growth while promoting sustainable economic development across the state.

According to the proposed plan, the project will cover the complete aluminium production chain, including bauxite mining, alumina refining, aluminium smelting, captive power generation, downstream aluminium manufacturing, and the creation of supporting industrial infrastructure. The integrated approach is expected to maximize value addition within the state instead of relying primarily on the export of raw mineral resources.

Majhi emphasized that the Odisha government's objective extends beyond mineral extraction. He said the administration is committed to encouraging industries that process natural resources within the state, thereby creating higher-value products, expanding manufacturing capacity, and generating quality employment for local youth.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the growing global demand for environmentally sustainable industrial production and green metals. He said Odisha has already begun taking strategic steps to establish itself as a leading destination for environmentally responsible aluminium production and expressed confidence that the new investment would significantly contribute to achieving that vision. He further stated that the project aligns with the state's long-term development goals under the vision of Samruddha Odisha 2036 and the national objective of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Birla to kick off orientation sessions for Bengal legislators

NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will launch a two-day programme to strengthen legislative knowledge among newly-elected lawmakers

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla is scheduled to inaugurate a two-day orientation programme for newly elected members of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly in Kolkata on Friday.

The initiative is aimed at equipping legislators with a deeper understanding of parliamentary practices, legislative procedures, and democratic governance to help them perform their responsibilities more effectively.

The programme is being organised by the Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies, functioning under the Lok Sabha Secretariat, in collaboration with the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. According to an official statement issued by the Lok Sabha Secretariat, the orientation has been specially designed to familiarise first-time legislators with the functioning of legislative institutions and the responsibilities associated with public office.

The event is expected to be attended by several prominent political leaders and parliamentary dignitaries. Among those scheduled to participate in the inaugural session are Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh, Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly Ritabrata Banerjee, and other senior public representatives.

The inaugural ceremony will also feature a welcome address by West Bengal Legislative Assembly Speaker Rathindra Bose. The Vote of Thanks will be delivered by the state's Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Shankar Ghosh, marking the formal commencement of the training programme.

According to the organisers, the orientation seeks to introduce legislators to the various dimensions of parliamentary and legislative functioning. Participants will receive detailed guidance on committee systems, financial oversight mechanisms, parliamentary privileges, legislative ethics, and the increasing use of digital technologies in legislative institutions across the country.

A key objective of the programme is to strengthen lawmakers' understanding of parliamentary traditions while encouraging greater effectiveness in legislative debates, committee participation, and constituency representation. The organisers believe such training programmes contribute significantly to improving the overall quality of legislative functioning and democratic governance.

The two-day schedule includes a series of technical sessions covering a broad range of subjects relevant to elected representatives. Topics include effective legislative practices, customs and conventions observed in legislative bodies, parliamentary etiquette, and methods for ensuring executive accountability through questions, discussions, and other procedural mechanisms available to legislators.

The sessions will be conducted by experienced Presiding Officers of various State Legislatures, Members of Parliament, constitutional experts, and senior parliamentary practitioners from across the country.

Enduring adversity with determination key to success: Bhagwat

NAGPUR

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday emphasized the importance of resilience, integrity, and selfless service while addressing a programme organised by the Sindhu Education Society.

Speaking to students, educators, and members of the public, Bhagwat said that enduring adversity with determination is the key to success and that people should dedicate their lives to serving society rather than pursuing only personal interests.

During his address, Bhagwat remarked that success often attracts criticism, particularly in the political sphere, where achievements may generate jealousy among opponents. Despite such challenges, he encouraged individuals to remain committed to their principles and continue working with honesty and perseverance.

The RSS Chief said that humanity should be guided by the principle of living for others instead of living solely for oneself. He stressed that values such as integrity, compassion, and responsibility should not merely be preached through words but demonstrated through everyday actions. According to him, setting a positive personal example is the most effective way to inspire others.

Drawing inspiration from the teachings of Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita, Bhagwat highlighted the importance of facing difficulties with courage rather than avoiding them. Referring to the dialogue between Krishna and Arjuna, he said individuals should never abandon their responsibilities in times of hardship. He explained that perseverance and determination ultimately lead to personal growth and meaningful achievements.

Bhagwat noted that life naturally includes periods of disappointment, failure, and struggle. He observed that setbacks should be viewed as temporary phases rather than permanent obstacles. According to him, when one opportunity closes, another eventually emerges, making it essential for people to remain hopeful and continue striving toward their goals.

Speaking about education, Bhagwat said that acquiring knowledge should extend beyond securing employment or earning a livelihood. While acknowledging the practical importance of education, he argued that its deeper purpose is to develop wisdom, character, and understanding. He added that a person's education begins at home, with mothers playing the role of a child's first teacher by instilling values and guiding early development.

Gen Seth calls on Defence Min after taking over as Army Chief

NEW DELHI

General Dhiraj Seth, who assumed charge as the 31st Chief of the Army Staff on July 1, called on Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday and outlined his plans for the Indian Army during this meeting. General Seth had also spoken about his plans on Wednesday after taking over as the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS).

The Indian Army is a combat-ready and battle-hardened force, fully prepared and capable of meeting every challenge in the operational domain. To respond effectively to the evolving security environment, we must take forward the modernisation of the Army with renewed energy and firm resolve, he had said. Our aim is to build a technology-enabled, future-ready Army which is fully empowered and capable of operating across multiple domains, Gen Seth said.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ)

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ನಂ. ಸಿಐ 47 ಎಸ್‌ಪಿಕ್ಯೂ 2023 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.06.2026

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1966 ರ ಕಲಂ 28(4) ರನ್ವಯ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

1966ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ (1966ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 18) ವಿಧಿ 28(1)ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ದತ್ತವಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.05.2023ರ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಶೇಷ ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರ ಭಾಗ–3ರ ಪುಟ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 4559 ರಿಂದ 4560ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗಿರುವ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಿಐ 47 ಎಸ್‌ಪಿಕ್ಯೂ (ಇ) 2023 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.05.2023 ರಂತೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಸದರಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಇದೇ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿರುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛೆಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ.

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ಅನುಸೂಚಿ

ಗ್ರಾಮ: ತಾಂಡವಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಚಿಕ್ಕಯ್ಯನಛತ್ರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ನಂಜನಗೂಡು, ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ಮೈಸೂರು

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ	ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ಅನುಭವದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಜಂಟಿ ಅಳತೆಯಂತೆ) ಐನ್ ಎ–ಗು	ಖರಾಬು ಎ–ಗು	ಬಾಕಿ ಎ–ಗು	ತರಹೆ	ಆಕಾರ	ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ (ಜೆ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಯಂತೆ) ಪೂರ್ವ	ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ	ಉತ್ತರ	ದಕ್ಷಿಣ
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	51 ರ ಪೈಕಿ (ಜೆ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ನಕ್ಷೆಯ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ.01)	ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಖರಾಬು	ಪುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಟಿ ಲೇ॥ ಟಿ ಬಸವಯ್ಯ	2–20 (ಬಿ–1)	0–05	2–15	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	–	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 46 & 51	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51
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3	51 ರ ಪೈಕಿ (ಜೆ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ನಕ್ಷೆಯ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. 10 & 3)	ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಖರಾಬು	ಮಂಜೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	0–20 (ಬಿ–10)	–	0–20	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	–	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 70	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 115
				0–37 (ಬಿ–3)	0–07	0–30			ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಬಿ4	ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಬಿ2	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 49	ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಬಿ5
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5	51 ರ ಪೈಕಿ (ಜೆ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ನಕ್ಷೆಯ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ.05)	ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಖರಾಬು	ಮಹದೇವಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ	2–20 (ಬಿ–5)	0–20	2–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	–	ಬ್ಲಾಕ್–4 & ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51	ಬ್ಲಾಕ್–2 ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 50	ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಬಿ3	ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಬಿ6
6	51 ರ ಪೈಕಿ (ಜೆ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ನಕ್ಷೆಯ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. 6 & 8)	ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಖರಾಬು	ಸಿದ್ದಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ	0–38 (ಬಿ–6)	0–08	0–30	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	–	ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಬಿ7	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 50 & 51	ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಬಿ5	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 54
				0–20 (ಬಿ–8)	–	0–20			ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51	ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಬಿ9
7	51 ರ ಪೈಕಿ (ಜೆ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ನಕ್ಷೆಯ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ.07)	ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಖರಾಬು	ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಜವರೇಗೌಡ	1–10 (ಬಿ–7)	–	1–10	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	–	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51	ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಬಿ6	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51
8	51 ರ ಪೈಕಿ (ಜೆ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ನಕ್ಷೆಯ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ.09)	ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಖರಾಬು	ಚಂದ್ರಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ	3–38 (ಬಿ–9)	0–18	3–20	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	–	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51 & 57	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 51
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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಆದೇಶಾನುಸಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಹೆಸರಲ್ಲಿ
(ಕೆ. ನದೀಮ್ ಅಹ್ಮದ್)
ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ
ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆ ಇಲಾಖೆ (ಕೈ.ಅ.).

DIPR/MYS/390/SA/2026-27

Government of Karnataka - Karnataka Forest Department
Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Hosanagara Sub Division, Hosanagara.
District: Shivamogga, Taluk: Hosanagara,
e-Mail ID: acfhnr@gmail.com
No: ACF/HNR//DDF MONSOON//CR-1/2026-27/12
Date: 01.07.2026

Detailed e-Tender Notice.
(Short-Term e-Tender Notice Through e-Procurement Portal)

Unitwar Tender Call-2 is invited in two cover system through e-procurement portal from interested Forest Contractors, under D.D.F. Scheme Monsoon – 4 plantation works of Formation and Maintenance of Plantations of Approx. total Rs. 40.60 lakhs in the limits of various forest zones of Sagar Division for the year 2026-27. For submission of Tender date 08.07.2026 up to 5.15 PM is fixed. Complete details of works and places are explained in the e-Procurement Portal. For further information this office can be contacted and details regarding the Tender can be obtained from the official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Hosanagara Sub Division, Hosanagara.

DIPR/smg/ksmca/26-27/13/07/457

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–562123 ದೂ: 0807722135
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: ka.nelamangala.cmc@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನ.ಸ.ನೆ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ(ವಿ)/ಟೆಂಡರ್/18/2026–27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29–06–2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)
(ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ 1&2ರ & ಕೆಜಿ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಂತೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ)

ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರಿಂದ 2026–27ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನಗರಸಭೆ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ ಬಗೆಹರಿಸಲು ವಿವಿಧ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಳವೆ ಬಾವಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊರೆದು ಪಂಪು ಮೋಟಾರ್ ಅಳವಡಿಸಲು, ಕೊಳವೆ ಬಾವಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊರೆಯಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 230.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ನ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಡಿ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜಿಯ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ
1	DMA/2026-27/WS/WORK_INDENT60362	30.00	ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ
2	DMA/2026-27/WS/WORK_INDENT60406	50.00	ಇತರೆ
3	DMA/2026-27/WS/WORK_INDENT60408	50.00	Cat-2A
4	DMA/2026-27/WS/WORK_INDENT60410	50.00	ಇತರೆ
5	DMA/2026-27/WS/WORK_INDENT60411	50.00	ಇತರೆ

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮುಂತಾದ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಹಾಗೂ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಶ್ರೀ. ಗಣೇಶ್ ಎನ್, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ

ಸಹಿ/–
ಶ್ರೀ. ಗಂಗಾಧರ್ ಹೆಚ್, ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ

DIPR/CP/SMCL/1437/26-27

Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Ramanagara Special Division
Ramanagara, Bengaluru South Dist.

No. EE/PWD/RMN Spl.Div./TND-06/2026-27 Date : 01.07.2026

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited in two cover system from the eligible contractors for **03 works** from **Rs. 100.00 Lakhs to Rs. 200.00 Lakhs** through e-procurement portal as per the Standard bid documents. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Documents may be downloaded from **03.07.2026 to 10.07.2026.** Last date for submission of tender **10.07.2026 upto 16:00 hours.** Date of Pre-bid meeting: **07.07.2026 at 11:30 Hours.** Date of opening of Technical bid **13.07.2026 (If possible) at 11:30 hours.** Tender Processing Fees, EMD as per E-Procurement. For more information contact the undersigned during Office Hours.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
PWD Special Division, Ramanagara
Bengaluru South Dist.

DIPR/BSD/151/SA/2026-27

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'Most massive' Russian attack on Kyiv kills 18

Russia launched an unprecedented overnight assault on Kyiv, firing dozens of ballistic missiles and hundreds of long-range drones, devastating strikes hit over 30 locations across the city

KYIV

Russia launched one of its most extensive aerial assaults on Ukraine's capital in recent months, firing hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles at Kyiv during the early hours of Thursday.

The coordinated attack caused widespread destruction across the city, leaving at least 18 people dead and many more injured. Residential buildings suffered severe damage as powerful explosions echoed throughout the capital, forcing thousands of frightened residents to seek safety in underground metro stations and bomb shelters.

Officials described the assault as the most destructive attack on Kyiv this year. Several apartment buildings were torn apart, emergency crews rushed to rescue trapped residents, and firefighters battled blazes that spread through damaged structures.

Authorities reported that destruction had been recorded at more than 20 different locations across the city, highlighting the scale of the overnight bombardment.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy cut short an overseas visit to return home following the attack. He stated that Kyiv had been the primary target of the strikes and renewed his appeal to international partners for stronger air defense support.

According to Zelenskiy, maintaining supplies of advanced defensive systems, particularly Patriot missile interceptors, remains an urgent priority for protecting Ukrainian cities from increasingly intense Russian attacks.

Ukraine's Air Force reported that Russia launched 74 missiles and 496 drones during the operation. Air Force spokesperson Yuri Ihnat noted that the unusually high number of ballistic missiles made interception significantly more difficult. He acknowledged that shortages of Patriot interceptor missiles had weakened Ukraine's ability to defend against such high-speed threats in recent months.

Russia's Defense Ministry said the large-scale attack targeted military infrastructure, energy facilities, and airports in Kyiv and other regions using long-range precision weapons launched from air, land, and sea, along with drones. Moscow described the strikes as retaliation for recent Ukrainian drone attacks on Russian territory, particularly those targeting domestic fuel infrastructure.

Ukraine, meanwhile, claimed responsibility for striking an oil refinery in Russia's Nizhny Novgorod region during the same period. Regional authorities there reported that one person was killed after an industrial facility was hit. The exchange of attacks reflects the continuing escalation of the conflict, with both countries increasingly targeting strategic infrastructure beyond the front lines.

Under-fire German ruling coalition unveils reform package

BERLIN

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz's coalition unveiled a package of reforms on Thursday, including tax relief for lower-income families and far-reaching pension reforms in a bid to revive growth and competitiveness in Europe's largest economy. The measures won some praise from economists that the government was delivering concrete changes after months of wrangling between Merz's conservatives and their more left-wing junior coalition partner, the Social Democrats. They aim to make life easier for companies, with promises to cut red tape, allow employers more scope to hire workers on short-term contracts and make it harder for them to call in sick. While winning praise from some employers, the measures were also variously criticised as unfair or unworkable, or not going far enough.

Indirect Iran-US talks show limited diplomatic progress

DOHA

Iran and the United States concluded another round of indirect diplomatic talks in Doha without reaching any significant breakthrough toward a long-term peace agreement.

While officials described the discussions as constructive, negotiators primarily focused on implementing elements of an interim agreement announced two weeks ago rather than resolving broader disputes between the two countries.

According to sources familiar with the negotiations, representatives from both nations spent two days discussing maritime traffic through the strategically important Strait of Hormuz and the release of frozen Iranian financial assets. These issues formed key components of the earlier interim understanding that helped halt hostilities in June. Officials indicated that the discussions remained technical in nature and were aimed at strengthening the implementation of previously agreed measures.

Qatar's Foreign Ministry confirmed that another round of indirect negotiations would take place after the funeral ceremonies for Iran's late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who is scheduled

Iran and the US concluded indirect negotiations without major breakthroughs while addressing technical issues following their ceasefire agreement

to be buried on July 9. The ministry stated that the latest discussions achieved positive progress on matters connected to the memorandum that ended the fighting and continued to build upon understandings reached during an earlier summit held in Switzerland.

Despite the optimistic statements from mediators, there were differing public messages regarding the status of negotiations over Iran's nuclear program. Speaking in Washington, United States President Donald Trump said that discussions concerning possible limits on Iran's nuclear activities were progressing well. He expressed confidence that recent meetings had been productive and suggested that further developments could follow in the coming weeks.

However, individuals familiar with the Doha negotiations said that Iran's nuclear program was not part of the agenda during the latest sessions. They explained that the meetings focused exclusively on technical and logistical matters related to the ceasefire framework rather than broader strategic or security concerns.

United States Vice President JD Vance acknowledged that nuclear negotiations remain a priority but indicated they would be addressed during future rounds of dialogue. He said both sides remain concerned about the issue and expect formal discussions on nuclear matters to begin at a later stage of the diplomatic process.

The talks continued through indirect communication, with American and Iranian delegations holding separate meetings while Qatari and Pakistani mediators carried messages between them. This format has allowed both governments to maintain diplomatic engagement despite the absence of direct negotiations.

Notably, senior American representatives, including presidential envoy Steve Witkoff and presidential adviser Jared Kushner, did not participate in the Doha meetings despite earlier expectations that high-level officials would attend. Their absence suggested that the latest discussions were intended to resolve technical aspects of the interim agreement rather than negotiate major political decisions.

IN THE COURT OF THE HONORABLE SUBORDINATE JUDGE, PALACODE
O.S. No. M.C.O.P. No: 162/2025

1. Krishnammal, W/o. (Late) Muthusamy
2. Usha, D/o. (Late) Muthusamy
3. Pushpa, D/o. (Late) Muthusamy
4. SathishKumar, S/o. (Late) Muthusamy

... Petitioners

// versus //

Lokesh S/o. Lakshman, No. 107, 7th Main, 5th Cross Govt School, B Narayanapura, Doorvaninagar, Mahadevpura Post, Bangalore, Karnataka State – 560016.

... 1st Respondent

NOTICE

The Petitioners have filed the above suit for Motor Accident Claim Petition. The above case is posted on 23.07.2026 for your appearance. On that day, the 1st Respondent is required to appear either personally or through your counsel and file objections, if any. Failing to do so, the above case will be decided on its merits in your absence.

S. Saravanan, B.E., B.L.,
M.S. No. 1137/2017
Advocate
No. 22, TNHB Errahanahalli, Kadamadai Post, Palacode Taluk, Dharmapuri District.
Cell: 9751816245

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SYEDA NOORUN ARSHIYA D/o SYED SIBGATHULLA, W/o SARFRAZ KORTIGERI, R/o Basaveshwara Badavane, Malebennur, Harihara, Davangere, Karnataka-577530, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as NOOR UN ARSHIYA.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sudarshan R/o Otto Lilienthal Str. 12, Appartement 210A, 28199 Bremen D.O.B 4/10/2002 I have changed my name from Sudarshan to Sudarshan Dodmani vide sworn before notary D Mallikarjuna dated 30.06.2026.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MADHUKUMAR H K S/o HALAPPA KRISHNAPPA R/o Indravalli, Nandipura, Mudigere, Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka-577132, have changed the name of my minor son ATHIKSH B M aged 6 years and he shall hereafter be known as CHETHAN B M.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ABHISHEK RANJAN S/o BARUN KUMAR SINHA R/o Flat 21033, Tower 21, Prestige Ferns Residency, Harlur Main Road, Bangalore South, HSR Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560102, have changed the name of my minor son ROMIL SINHA aged 12 years and he shall hereafter be known as ROMIL RANJAN.

NAME CHANGE

I, **MAHBOOB SHERIFF** S/o Abdul Khader, resident of No 773, 30th B Cross, Moghul Darbar Restorent, Tilak Nagar, Jayanagara Po, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560041, have changed my name to **MAHABOOB SHARIFF**, vide affidavit dated: 02.07.2026, before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, **AMJAD PASHA ABDUL KHADER,** S/o Abdul Khader, resident of No 252-1, Mallamma Street, Po Sakleshpur, Hassan - 573134, have changed my name to **AMJAD PASHA**, vide affidavit dated: 02.07.2026, before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, **FAHEEM UDDIN,** aged 43 years, S/o. Zainul Abideen, Residing at Door No. 3577/3, B.M. Road, Opp: K.S.R.T.C. Bus Stand, Nizam Mohalla, Hunsur Town, Hunsur Taluk -571105, Mysore District, Karnataka, have changed my name from **FAHIMUDDIN** to **FAHEEM UDDIN**, vide affidavit dated: 30.06.2026 before notary VEERESH RAO BOBADE, Hunsur.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAVICHANDRA SHETTY S/o BHOJU SHETTY R/o Koti Chennayya B Block, Room No. 105, Police Lane, Pandeshwara, Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka-575001, have changed the name of my minor daughter VIHANYA SHETTY aged 6 years and she shall hereafter be known as VARENYA SHETTY.

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IN THE COURT OF THE IInd ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDARALLAPURA
C.MISC No.337/2026

Petitioner: Smt.Bylamma.G W/o Late Govindaraju Age:48 years, Residing at: Kenjiganahalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk Vs
Respondent: Registrar of Birth and death Rep. by the Tahshildar Doddaballapura Taluk Doddaballapura

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioner has filed the above petition under Section 13 (3) And 14 Of Registration Of Births And Deaths Act, 1969 for seeking the death certificate of She Husband by name LATE GOVINDARAJU S/O MARAIAH who died on 02.12.2010 at Kenjiganahalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on 31-07-26 heard and disposed off an ex-parte order. at 11-00 am. In default this matter will be
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the day of 02-07-2026

By Order of the Court
Chief Ministeral Officer IInd Addl. Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapura
Advocate for Petitioner: **Smt. Chaitra S.H.**
Place: Doddaballapura

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA
CMis.No.451/2026

Petitioners: Smt.Anitha S/o Late Narayana Aged about 48 years, R/at #31, 19th Main Road, 3d Cross, Jagajyothi Basaveshwara Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560073 and others.
V/S
Respondent: Registrar of Birth and death The Tahshildar Doddaballapura Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners have filed the above petition under Section 13 (3) And 14 Of Registration Of Births And Deaths Act, 1969 for seeking the death certificate of the Great grandfather of petitioners by name LATE HANUMANTHA S/O LATE PETE HANUMANTHA who died on 03.04.1965 at Madagondanahalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on 31.07.2026 In default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 02 day of July 2026.

By order of the court
Chief Ministeral Officer Prl Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapura
Advocate: **C.Govindaraju** 4th Ward, Opp to Court Complex, Doddaballapur Town.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA
CMis.No.1050/2025

Petitioners: K. Sreerama reddy S/o Late Krishnamurthy Aged about 59 years, R/at Karekallahalli Village, Gowdanakunte, Sasalu Hobli Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and others. V/s
Respondent: Registrar of Birth and death The Tahshildar Doddaballapura Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners have filed the above petition under Section 13 (3) And 14 Of Registration Of Births And Deaths Act, 1969 for seeking the death certificate of the grandfather of petitioner No.1, 4 to 10 and father of petitioner No.2 & 3, by name LATE DODDEGOWDA S/O LATE MALLEGOWDA who died on 12.01.1977 at Karekallahalli Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on 31.07.2026 In default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 02nd day of July 2026.

By order of the court
Chief Ministeral Officer, II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA
Advocate: **B.S.Sathish Kumar**, 4th Ward, Vinayakanagar, Doddaballapur Town.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUDHA W/o PRABHAKARA REDDY, R/o No.1, Kanakapura Main Road, Near Govt. School, Jaraganahalli, J P Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore South, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560078, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SUDHA REDDY.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MISHRIMAL S/o RAMAJI SUTHAR, R/o 450, 3rd Cross, AMS Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560097, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MISHRIMAL SUTHAR.

Wildfires rage across Southern France amid heatwave

LANCOS

Firefighters continued battling multiple wildfires across southern France on Thursday as strong winds and extremely dry conditions complicated efforts to contain the rapidly spreading flames. Authorities deployed hundreds of emergency personnel to several affected regions after recent record-breaking temperatures left vegetation dangerously dry and highly vulnerable to fire.

French Interior Minister Laurent Nunez said three major wildfires had collectively burned approximately 1,210 hectares of land. Two of the blazes erupted on the western outskirts of the Mediterranean port city of Marseille, while the largest wildfire spread through the Aude administrative department near France's border with Spain. Emergency officials warned that persistent high winds were significantly increasing the difficulty of firefighting operations and raising the risk of further expansion.

The largest blaze in the Aude region had already destroyed around 900 hectares of land. Nearly 800 firefighters were deployed to contain the flames, supported by specialized equipment and aerial resources where conditions permitted. Emergency responders worked continuously to prevent the fire from reaching residential communities and critical infrastructure, although shifting winds remained a major challenge throughout the day.

Near Marseille, firefighters managed to reduce the intensity of a smaller wildfire in the town of Rognac, located close to the city's international airport. Another nearby fire in Lancon-Provence, which burned around 260 hectares, was successfully brought under control after extensive firefighting efforts. Local authorities confirmed that no casualties had been reported in connection with any of the fires, although emergency crews remained on high alert.

Smoke from the wildfires spread across surrounding communities, creating poor air quality and reducing visibility. A strong smell of burning vegetation lingered over parts of the Marseille area, with airline pilots reportedly reassuring passengers that the smoke detected inside aircraft cabins originated from the surrounding environment rather than any onboard emergency.

Further east, emergency authorities ordered the evacuation of more than 2,000 people from six campsites near the coastal resort town of Frejus in the Var department. The precautionary measure was taken after a nearby forest fire threatened tourist accommodations and recreational areas. Evacuation teams safely relocated visitors while firefighters worked to establish containment lines around the affected zone.

The latest wildfires followed an intense heatwave that swept across Western Europe during late June. The World Meteorological Organization had previously warned that prolonged periods of extreme heat, combined with exceptionally low humidity and dry vegetation, would substantially increase wildfire risks throughout the region. These conditions have created an environment where even small fires can spread rapidly under strong winds.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR
C.Mis No. 801/2025

Petitioner: Puttahanumaiah, S/o Late. Hanumaramaiah, Aged about 65 years, R/ at Dadaghattamadagu Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapur taluk
And: Respondent: The Tahsildar Doddaballapur

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whether the petitioner has field the above petition under Section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Death act. 1969 for seeking the death certificate of his Mother, by name Nagamma W/o PuttaHanumaiah who died on 30-10-2024 at Dadaghattamadagu Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before this Hon'ble court on 30-07-2026 in default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 30th day of June 2026,

By order of the court
Chief Ministeral Officer Pri Civil judge & Doddaballapura
B.S.Krishnamurthy, N.Lalitha, Advodates, Opposite court complex, 4th Ward, Rojipura, Doddaballapur,

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT DODDABALLAPUR
C.Mis No. 802/2025

Petitioner: Puttahanumaiah, S/o Late. Hanumaramaiah, Aged about 65 years, R/ at Dadaghattamadagu Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapur taluk
And: Respondent: The Tahsildar Doddaballapur

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whether the petitioner has field the above petition under Section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Death act. 1969 for seeking the death certificate of his father, by name Hanumaramaiah S/o PuttaHanumaiah who died on 25-03-2004 at Dadaghattamadagu Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before this Hon'ble court on 30-07-2026 in default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 30th day of June 2026,

By order of the court
Chief Ministeral Officer Pri Civil judge & Doddaballapura
B.S.Krishnamurthy, N.Lalitha, Advodates, Opposite court complex, 4th Ward, Rojipura, Doddaballapur,

IN THE COURT OF THE IInd ADDL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPUR
C.Misc.No.160/2026

BETWEEN: Smt. Ellamma D/o Late. Mariyappa Aged about 54 years, R/at:Isthru colony,Madure, Hobli hobali Doddabalapur taluk, banglore Rural district ...**Petitioner.**
And The Thahasildar Doddaballapur. .... Respondent.

NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION

Whereas the above named petitioner has filed the petition to seek death certificate of her Husband namely Late. Mariyappa S/O Late N. Gangaiah who died on 04.06.2019.
Any person having objections regarding issuance of death certificate of Late. Mariyappa S/o Late N. Gangaiah can file the necessary objections beforethe Hon'ble Court.
The above petition is posted on 31-07-2026 for your objections it is here by called upon the general public is there any objections nor claims in respect of issuance of death certificate of Mariyappa So Late N. Gangaiah, they can appear before this aforesaid date and 11.00 am before the Hon'ble court on thesame day if the general public has nor come up with any objections the court will decided the Petition in your obsence.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on this day 02-07-26 Hon'ble IInd Additional Civil Judge Court, Doddaballapura.

By Order of the Court
Chief Ministeral Officer IInd ADDL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPUR
Sri. S.Muniraju Advocate, Office at; No22, Gadduge Complex, Taluk Office Road, Doddaballapura -561203

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA
CMis.No.448/2026

Petitioners: Smt.Anitha S/o Late Narayana Aged about 48 years, R/at #31, 19th Main Road, 3d Cross, Jagajyothi Basaveshwara Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560073 and others.
V/S
Respondent: Registrar of Birth and death The Tahshildar Doddaballapura Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners have filed the above petition under Section 13 (3) And 14 Of Registration Of Births And Deaths Act, 1969 for seeking the death certificate of the grandfather of petitioners by name LATE ANJINAPPA S/O LATE HANUMANTHA who died on 10.01.1951 at Madagondanahalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on 31.07.2026 In default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 02 day of July 2026.

By order of the court
Chief Ministeral Officer Prl Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapura
Advocate: **C.Govindaraju** 4th Ward, Opp to Court Complex, Doddaballapur Town.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA
CMis.No.449/2026

Petitioners: Smt.Anitha S/o Late Narayana Aged about 48 years, R/at #31, 19th Main Road, 3d Cross, Jagajyothi Basaveshwara Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560073 and others.
V/S
Respondent: Registrar of Birth and death The Tahshildar Doddaballapura Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners have filed the above petition under Section 13 (3) And 14 Of Registration Of Births And Deaths Act, 1969 for seeking the death certificate of the Great grandmother of petitioners by name LATE KAMALAMMA W/O LATE HANUMANTHA who died on 08.07.1970 at Madagondanahalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on 31.07.2026 In default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 02 day of July 2026.

By order of the court
Chief Ministeral Officer Prl Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapura
Advocate: **C.Govindaraju** 4th Ward, Opp to Court Complex, Doddaballapur Town.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA
CMis.No.450/2026

Petitioners: Smt.Anitha S/o Late Narayana Aged about 48 years, R/at #31, 19th Main Road, 3d Cross, Jagajyothi Basaveshwara Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560073 and others.
V/S
Respondent: Registrar of Birth and death The Tahshildar Doddaballapura Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners have filed the above petition under Section 13 (3) And 14 Of Registration Of Births And Deaths Act, 1969 for seeking the death certificate of the grandmother of petitioners by name LATE NARASAMMA W/o ANJINAPPA who died on 05.09.1986 at Madagondanahalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
In this regard it is hereby notice that whoever has interested in the said matter may appear in person or through an advocate duly authorized before the above said court on 31.07.2026 In default this matter will be heard and disposed off an ex-parte order.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 02 day of July 2026.

By order of the court
Chief Ministeral Officer Prl Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapura
Advocate: **C.Govindaraju** 4th Ward, Opp to Court Complex, Doddaballapur Town.

Anthony Gordon praises Captain Kane's elite positioning

Kane urged Eng to savor their dramatic 2-1 WC comeback win over DR Congo, securing a round-of-16 spot.

ATLANTA

England captain Harry Kane urged his teammates to savor their hard-fought victory during an emotional post-match huddle. The Three Lions secured a dramatic 2-1 comeback win against DR Congo in the FIFA World Cup round of 32, booking a date with Mexico.

The historic victory marked the first time England ever won a World Cup match after trailing at halftime. Kane proved to be the hero, scoring twice in the final 15 minutes of the game. Afterward, he gathered the players on the pitch to celebrate before joining the traveling fans in song.

Teammate Anthony Gordon revealed Kane's inspiring message to the squad. According to Gordon, the skipper stressed that while the win does not define them or win the tournament, they must enjoy it like any other nation. Kane noted that big countries often fail to celebrate properly due to high expectations, but a World Cup knockout victory should always be cherished.

Gordon was highly instrumental in the massive turnaround. Coming off the bench in the 61st minute, the 25-year-old winger provided the crucial assists for both of Kane's late goals.

Instead of taking credit, Gordon praised his captain's elite positioning. He admitted that having a world-class striker like Kane in the penalty area completely changed his decision-making on the field, opting to cross rather than shoot. Thanks to Kane's lethal finishing, England's World Cup dreams remain alive as they march into the round of 16.

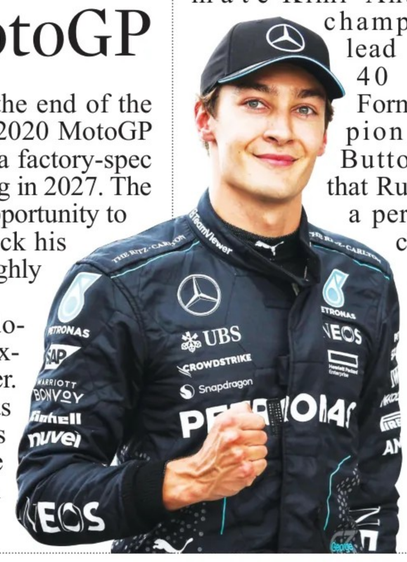
Russell targets victory at Silverstone Grand Prix

George Russell targets a Silverstone Grand Prix victory, aiming to secure a third consecutive British home win amid fierce competition from Norris, Hamilton, and rookie Antonelli.

SILVERSTONE

George Russell heads to the Silverstone Grand Prix on a massive high, aiming to give local fans a home winner for the third consecutive year. Following Lewis Hamilton's 2024 victory and Lando Norris's win last July, British hopes are soaring for another spectacular homegrown triumph this weekend.

There is a very real chance of an all-British podium celebration, a feat the trio recently achieved in Barcelona. Russell enters the weekend fresh off a sensational victory in Austria, which successfully trimmed his Mercedes teammate Kimi Antonelli's championship lead down to 40 points. Former champion Jenson Button noted that Russell is in a perfect psychological place and ready to dominate.



Meanwhile, Lando Norris will race on home soil for the first time as the reigning world champion. While McLaren team boss Andrea Stella expects a tough fight for the victory, the team remains highly optimistic about securing a podium finish. They face stiff competition from Hamilton, who holds an incredible record as a nine-time winner at this iconic circuit.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen holds the track lap record but expressed concern over the circuit's challenging layout in this new engine era. The highly anticipated weekend will follow the intense sprint format, offering extra championship points. This format gives Russell a prime opportunity to close the gap on the 19-year-old rookie leader, Antonelli. Adding to the local excitement, British rookie Arvid Lindblad will make his home debut for Racing Bulls. With warm weather forecast, fans are buckled in for an unforgettable weekend.

PARTHIV PATEL defends India's batting strategy

NEW DELHI

Former national wicketkeeper Parthiv Patel has strongly defended India's aggressive batting strategy after the rain-affected T20I series opener against England. The highly anticipated match in Durham unfortunately ended without a result when heavy, persistent downpours completely washed out the entire second innings.

After winning the toss, the visiting Indian team elected to bat first and posted a formidable total of 189 for seven. Reflecting on the performance, Patel emphasized that the powerhouse total proved India's genuine desire to challenge themselves and adapt to tough English conditions right away. He noted that the team intentionally avoided playing a cautious game.

Patel firmly stated that 190 was a highly competitive target on the tricky Durham pitch, especially with India planning to deploy three specialized spinners through the middle overs.

GRESINI RACING ANNOUNCES ITS 2027 MOTOGP LINEUP, SIGNING MOTO2 STAR DANIEL HOLGADO ALONGSIDE FORMER WORLD CHAMPION JOAN MIR

Moto2 Star Daniel Holgado promoted to MotoGP

MILAN

Gresini Racing officially announced a major team revamp for the 2027 MotoGP season. The Ducati-backed squad has signed rising Moto2 star Daniel Holgado alongside former world champion Joan Mir. The incoming duo will replace Alex Marquez, who is moving to KTM, and Fermin Aldeguer, who is joining VR46 Ducati.

The 21-year-old Holgado will step up to the premier class after an impressive stint in Moto2. The talented Spaniard joined the Aspar team in 2025, securing two victories and earning the Rookie of the Year title. He has continued his strong form this season, capturing another race win and currently occupying sixth place in the championship standings. Meanwhile, Joan Mir will leave Honda at the end of the year to join Gresini. The 2020 MotoGP world champion will ride a factory-spec Ducati Desmosedici starting in 2027. The move gives Mir a prime opportunity to revive his career and unlock his maximum potential on a highly competitive machine.

Team owner Nadia Padovani expressed immense excitement over the new roster. She noted that the team has been tracking Holgado's progress for a long time and is thrilled to guide him through his rookie year.

Pape Gueye quits Senegal after World Cup exit

SEATTLE

Midfielder Pape Gueye has announced a sudden break from the Senegal national team following their heartbreaking World Cup exit, launching a furious attack against the current technical staff.

The shocking announcement highlights growing internal tensions just hours after Senegal suffered a devastating round of 32 defeat against Belgium. The African giants seemed completely in control of the match, cruising with a comfortable 2-0 lead by the 51st minute. However, the team experienced a historic collapse, conceding two late goals before losing 3-2 in extra time to a record-breaking 124th-minute penalty.

Gueye, who plays his club football for Villarreal, was substituted after an hour of play by manager Pape Thiaw, who brought on Lamine Camara. The tactical decision clearly frustrated Gueye, who had been Senegal's standout player of the tournament, contributing an impressive three goals and one assist.

Venting his frustration on Instagram, Gueye made his dramatic retirement official. He wrote that while he would discuss the tournament elimination later, he is officially taking a break from the national team for as long as the current coaching staff remains in charge.

LOS ANGELES

Shah Rukh Khan unveils new LA Stadium

Bollywood icon Shah Rukh Khan proudly celebrated the grand opening of the Knight Riders Cricket Ground in California, describing it as the realization of a lifelong dream. The historic venue recently hosted its first-ever Major League Cricket match, making the Knight Riders Group the very first global cricket franchise to build a world-class stadium abroad.

The newly built arena in Pomona officially opened its doors as the Los Angeles Knight Riders faced off against Washington Freedom. Reflecting on the monumental milestone, Khan shared that the grand project represents years of meticulous planning aimed at bringing the sport to entirely new global audiences.

Khan emphasized that the project is much more than a typical sporting venue. He envisioned the ground as a vibrant community hub designed to foster together-time, energy, and family entertainment. The Bollywood star expressed his sincere hopes that the facility will become the true home of cricket in Southern California, inspiring future generations of local players and loyal fans.

Built strictly to international standards, the impressive stadium features top-tier pitches and expansive dimensions. The venue is scheduled to host a series of highly anticipated Major League Cricket fixtures through July 5. Crucially, the world-class stadium is also expected to play a vital role as a key venue for the upcoming Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

Franchise officials stated that the landmark stadium serves as a major statement of intent for the sport's rapid American expansion. This historic launch highlights the United States' steady rise as one of cricket's fastest-growing markets.

Lukaku praises Tielemans after historic WC Win

SEATTLE

Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku has heaped praise on teammate Youri Tielemans after his record-breaking penalty secured a dramatic 3-2 comeback victory over Senegal, sending the team into the World Cup round of 16.

Senegal initially stunned the European football giants by taking a 2-0 lead through goals from Habib Diarra and Ismaila Sarr. However, Belgium mounted an incredible late fightback. Lukaku scored in the 86th minute, and Tielemans followed closely with an equalizer in the 89th minute, forcing the intense game into extra time.

The ultimate drama unfolded in the final seconds of extra time when a VAR review awarded Belgium a penalty for a foul on Tielemans. The midfielder calmly stepped up and converted the spot-kick at 124 minutes and 44 seconds. This dramatic strike broke all previous football records, becoming the latest winning goal ever scored in FIFA World Cup history.

Following the historic victory, an ecstatic Lukaku took to Instagram to celebrate his teammate, posting a picture of them with the high-praise caption, "You are HIM." The jubilant scenes then carried over into the Belgian dressing room, where Tielemans, crowned 'Player of the Match,' led his singing and cheering teammates in wild celebrations.

While Senegal exited the tournament with dignity, becoming the first African side to score 10 goals in a single World Cup, Belgium now turns its focus to the future. They are set to face the United States in a highly anticipated round of 16 knockout match in Seattle.

Glenn Maxwell highlights USA's T20 WC progress

NEW DELHI

Australian cricket star Glenn Maxwell believes the competitive gap between established powerhouses and emerging associate nations is narrowing at a rapid pace. Speaking after the European T20 Premier League (ETPL) Player Draft, the Belfast Wolves captain stated that franchise leagues are vital for giving developing nations the exposure needed to challenge the world's best.

Maxwell cited the United States' impressive performance against India at the recent T20 World Cup as clear evidence of this swift evolution. He noted that the American squad came within touching distance of delivering one of the biggest upsets in tournament history. The all-rounder pointed out that if the USA had simply caught India's star batsman Suryakumar Yadav, they could have won the match.

The dynamic all-rounder expects a similar rapid growth trajectory for European cricket following the launch of the ETPL. He emphasized that providing associate players with regular opportunities to test their skills against experienced international icons will heavily inspire the next generation of athletes across the continent.

While acknowledging that building a deep, sustainable cricket culture naturally takes time, Maxwell highlighted that recent international tournaments show associate teams are ready to compete right now. Regular game time against major nations allows these emerging sides to push heavyweights to their absolute limits.

Maxwell concluded by asserting that the long-term success of the ETPL will ensure European nations continue to close the gap on traditional global powerhouses. The highly anticipated tournament is scheduled to bring elite cricket action to venues across Ireland, Scotland, and the Netherlands this August.

Maxwell Backs Associate Cricket Rise

Australia's Glenn Maxwell believes associate nations are rapidly closing the gap on cricket's traditional giants. He said franchise leagues like the European T20 Premier League will provide valuable exposure, helping emerging teams compete consistently with elite sides. Maxwell expects European cricket to grow significantly through regular high-level competition and international experience.

Ismaila Sarr ties Roger Milla's World Cup record

SEATTLE

Senegal star Ismaila Sarr carved his name into the record books, even though his team suffered a painful World Cup exit against Belgium. The Crystal Palace winger gave Senegal a brilliant start, scoring a historic goal in the 51st minute after teammate Habib Diarra had opened the scoring in the first half. With that strike, the 28-year-old Sarr reached four goals in this tournament. This ties him with Cameroon legend Roger Milla for the most goals scored by an African player in a single World Cup campaign.

Senegal looked ready to pull off a massive upset with their 2-0 lead. They even made history as the first African nation to score 10 goals in one World Cup tournament. However, Belgium refused to back down. Late goals from Romelu Lukaku and Youri Tielemans shocked Senegal, sending the intense match into extra time.

The drama peaked in the final seconds. Following a VAR review for a foul on Tielemans, Belgium was awarded a penalty. Tielemans calmly stepped up and smashed the ball into the net at 124 minutes and 44 seconds. It became the latest winning goal ever scored in World Cup history, sealing a dramatic 3-2 victory for Belgium.

While Senegal heads home with their heads held high after a heroic effort, Belgium celebrates a miraculous escape.

Harry Kane chases Cristiano Ronaldo's tournament record

ATLANTA

England Captain Harry Kane has written his name further into soccer history after a stunning performance saved his team in a dramatic World Cup match against DR Congo.

The Three Lions were struggling early after Brian Cipenka scored for DR Congo in the seventh minute. However, Kane showed his world-class talent when it mattered most. He scored two brilliant goals late in the game, hitting the net in the 75th and 86th minutes, to secure a thrilling 2-1 comeback victory.

With these two goals, Kane entered an elite club alongside Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo. They are now the only two players ever to score 20 or more goals across both the World Cup and the Euros. Kane now has 20 major tournament goals, trailing just behind Ronaldo's record of 24.

The England striker also passed Brazilian legend Pele's historic World Cup tally by reaching 13 goals. Additionally, Kane has now scored 10 knockout goals in major tournaments since 2020, proving he is one of the most reliable big-game players of this decade. He easily outperforms other European stars like Kylian Mbappe, who has seven knockout goals in that same period.

Thanks to Kane's heroics, England avoids a shock exit and moves on to the round of 16. The team will now travel to Mexico for a highly anticipated clash against the host nation. That tough knockout match is scheduled to take place at the famous Azteca Stadium this coming Monday.

QUICK READ

India showcases top talent at seafood Olympiad

KOCHI

India's finest culinary professionals put their technical skills on display at the second National Skill Olympiad. Hosted by the Marine Products Export Development Authority during Seafood Expo Bharat 2026, the event crowned ten elite finalists selected from 2,500 trained workers. Competitors crafted high-demand international dishes like Nobashi shrimp and breaded squid rings. The champion secured a grand prize of 100,000 rupees. Officials emphasized that this competition strengthens India's global seafood trade by highlighting food safety, precision, and workforce excellence. Award-winning dishes were later showcased for live tasting sessions with international buyers.

Court rejects Google's 4 billion Euro appeal

BRUSSELS

Google lost its final gamble to dodge a massive four billion euro antitrust fine. Europe's highest court rejected the tech giant's appeal, ruling that Google unfairly used its Android operating system to crush competitors. Back in 2018, officials found that Google forced phone makers to install its search engine and Chrome browser to access the Play Store. Google argued the decision ignores its large investments into keeping Android free and open. However, judges stood firm, marking a historic victory for fair market competition. Google stated it already changed its rules to comply with European trade laws.

Tech meets trust: India Japan Defense Pact

NEW DELHI

India and Japan have launched a historic chapter in their friendship by signing their first-ever joint defense development project. Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed Japan's first female Prime Minister, Sanae Takaichi, referring to her warmly as his "younger sister" during the annual summit. The powerful alliance combines Japan's precision engineering with India's advanced software skills to boost global AI development. Beyond defense, the leaders launched a major green energy roadmap. This includes building 1,000 biogas plants across rural India, securing critical supply chains for semiconductors, and ensuring long-term stability across the Indo-Pacific region.

India's auto sector drives strong growth forward

NEW DELHI

India's automotive industry is set to maintain powerful momentum heading into fiscal year 2027, according to reports. Recent data highlights a massive 22 percent surge in domestic two-wheeler sales, alongside a 25 percent jump in passenger vehicle purchases. Experts predict steady, single-digit growth fueled by rising electric vehicle adoption, fresh model launches, and stronger rural demand. Commercial vehicles and tractors also posted double-digit gains due to healthy freight needs. While rising material costs and global supply chain disruptions pose potential hurdles, high consumer confidence keeps the industry moving fast.

Bhupender Yadav links EV growth to 2047 Goal

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav urged focusing on green growth, smart infrastructure, and circular economies for India's electric vehicle shift.

NEW DELHI

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav announced that India's shift to electric vehicles must focus heavily on green growth, smart infrastructure, and a waste-free recycling system.

Speaking at a national conference hosted by Assocham, the Environment Minister explained that switching to electric mobility is not just about replacing old cars with new technology. Instead, it is a massive opportunity to build a clean industrial system, boost local manufacturing, and create thousands of green jobs. This initiative directly supports the country's goal of becoming a fully developed nation by 2047.

Yadav stressed that India needs to abandon the traditional "take-make-dispose" habit. Instead, the country must embrace a circular economy where materials are constantly reused and recycled. To become a global leader in clean transportation, he noted that India must build a strong network of charging stations, protect its supply of critical minerals, and master battery recycling.

The minister also highlighted that the government has introduced several major reforms to speed up environmental clearances and make doing business much easier. By using the digital "PARIVESH" portal, officials have simplified rules and shortened waiting times for green approvals without damaging nature.

The conference brought together top policymakers and car manufacturers to design a clear path forward for the country's electric vehicle market. Yadav concluded by stating that the economy and the environment must grow together. Through teamwork, India can easily become a global hub for eco-friendly manufacturing and climate-conscious development.

Modi, Takaichi inaugurate Maruti Suzuki Kharkhoda Plant

NEW DELHI

In a major step for India's automotive industry, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi have jointly inaugurated Maruti Suzuki's massive new manufacturing facility at Kharkhoda in Haryana.

The state-of-the-art facility marks Maruti Suzuki's fourth major production plant in India. It also represents one of the largest financial investments the automaker has ever made in the country. Together, the company's four Indian production sites have drawn a total investment of nearly Rs 35,000 crore, highlighting its strong, long-term faith in the Indian automotive market.

Once the sprawling Kharkhoda facility becomes fully functional, it will add a massive annual production capacity of 10 lakh passenger vehicles. This huge boost will make it one of the company's biggest manufacturing hubs anywhere in the world and will firmly solidify India's reputation as a top global car manufacturing base.

PMs Narendra Modi and Sanae Takaichi inaugurated Maruti Suzuki's massive Kharkhoda facility in Haryana, boosting India's automotive capacity and strengthening India-Japan economic ties.

The grand inauguration also shines a spotlight on the deep economic and strategic relationship shared between India and Japan. As a joint venture between India's Maruti and Japan's Suzuki Motor Corporation, the brand remains an ultimate success story of Japanese investment in Indian business.

Earlier, PM Modi greeted PM Takaichi at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi ahead of their official summit. The two world leaders are scheduled to hold the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit talks. During this crucial meeting, they will review bilateral cooperation and discuss key global issues of mutual interest.

Three new coal mines begin production in India

NEW DELHI

India's captive and commercial coal mining sector continued its strong growth momentum this June, recording a massive 14.9 percent jump in production compared to the same month last year.

According to an official statement released by the Coal Ministry, domestic output from these mines reached 17.88 million tonnes in June, up from 15.56 million tonnes recorded in June 2025. Total coal supply deliveries also performed exceptionally well, hitting 18.55 million tonnes for the month.

This strong monthly performance capped off a highly successful first quarter for the 2026–27 financial year. Cumulative coal production for the April-to-June quarter grew by 5.35 percent year-on-year, while total dispatches saw a steady 1.70 percent increase. Government officials attributed this consistent progress to effective policy reforms, simplified regulations, and better everyday mine operations.

Crucially, three brand-new coal mines - Urtan, Dhirauli, and Bikram, officially began production during this quarter. Together, these new facilities add a substantial combined peak capacity of 7.51 million tonnes per year to the nation's energy grid.

The launch of the Urtan mine is a major victory, as it produces premium coking coal, a vital raw material required for manufacturing steel. By generating more coking coal locally, the government expects to significantly reduce the steel industry's heavy reliance on expensive foreign imports. Officials emphasized that opening these new mines will greatly secure India's energy independence and power its rapid industrial growth.

The Assam government has relaxed strict rules on land and funds to attract private investments in higher education.

Assam easing rules to attract private universities

GUWAHATI

The Assam government has approved major reforms to encourage private companies and institutions to invest in higher education by relaxing strict state rules.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the state cabinet introduced policy changes designed to make setting up private universities much easier. Taking to media platforms, Sarma explained that the state wants to unlock its full potential by expanding access to top-tier learning through partnerships with credible private partners.

To achieve this, the government has reduced the minimum amount of land required to build a campus. Officials also lowered the mandatory upfront cash reserve, known as an endowment fund that founders must provide. Finally, the state simplified the official paperwork to cut through bureaucratic red tape for potential investors.

Local officials believe these changes will create a much stronger educational network, giving students excellent academic choices right at home. Historically, many young people have left Assam to find better colleges. Experts argue that bringing in private competition will stop this student drain, spark fresh innovation, and help build a highly skilled workforce for the local economy.

This new policy complements Assam's recent push to build public medical and engineering colleges. By inviting private players to join public efforts, the state aligns with the National Education Policy, which focuses on better research and modern corporate training. Ultimately, Assam aims to transform into a major knowledge hub that attracts long-term business investments.

Adani Electricity promotes compliance and consumer safety

MUMBAI

Adani Electricity successfully concluded its National Electrical Safety Week, organizing educational workshops across its supply areas to protect local homes and workplaces.

The week-long safety campaign, which ran from June 26 to July 2, focused on the core theme of competency, compliance, and caution. Through various interactive programs, the utility provider reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining a highly skilled workforce and encouraging vigilant safety practices among its employees and consumers.

This educational initiative follows massive technical upgrades by the company to safeguard its 3.15 million Mumbai customers from severe monsoon disruptions. Adani Electricity has officially activated its Central Disaster Control Centre, a high-tech hub operating round-the-clock to manage severe weather emergencies. The center utilizes advanced satellite and wireless communication tools, including walkie-talkies, to maintain uninterrupted contact between disaster teams and city authorities.

To ensure swift field responses, the company has strategically deployed seven Quick Response Teams across its vast distribution network. These teams are fully equipped with specialized recovery and restoration plans tailored for heavy rain hazards. Additionally, the company has integrated 98 advanced water level sensors into its digital management system at critical, flood-prone locations. This smart setup allows engineers to monitor rising waters in real-time and safely cut off power before flooding causes electrical accidents.

Piyush Goyal highlights strengthening India-Japan economic ties

NEW DELHI

Union Minister Piyush Goyal stated that financial investments have become the primary driving force behind the rapidly growing partnership between India and Japan.

Speaking at a strategic forum, the Commerce and Industry Minister explained that the economic bond between the two nations is set to strengthen significantly. His comments coincide with Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi arriving in New Delhi for high-level annual summit talks. Goyal highlighted Maruti Suzuki as a prime example of this success. Entering India forty years ago, the joint venture introduced affordable, modern technology that transformed India into a global automotive hub. He noted that the partnership remains highly active, with Maruti Suzuki accounting for nearly 1.5 lakh of the passenger vehicles sold in India this past May.

The minister described the trade relationship as balanced and advanced. While India imports cutting-edge Japanese technology, it exports high-value, precision-engineered electronic and auto components rather than simple raw materials. Beyond manufacturing, Japan helped build India's first dedicated freight corridor in Odisha to assist with iron ore transport.

Looking ahead, Goyal discussed the flagship Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project. He blamed the previous state government in Maharashtra for causing delays through political land disputes but assured that under current leadership, the high-speed rail line is firmly on track for its 2029 deadline. Additionally, he emphasized that learning the Japanese language can open major career doors for skilled Indian healthcare professionals and caregivers looking to work in Japan's expanding elderly care market.

India outlines path for global AYUSH leadership

NEW DELHI

Government officials and industry leaders met to create a clear path for strengthening India's global leadership in traditional medicine, focusing on innovation, quality, and exports.

The special session was organized by the Ministry of AYUSH and the AYUSH Export Promotion Council. Top experts discussed how to use India's Free Trade Agreements to build international trust, expand medical tourism, and solve complex global regulatory challenges. The main goal is to promote standard systems like Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy worldwide.

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal explained that the government does not just want to increase export numbers. Instead, India aims to build highly competitive, world-class brands. He called AYUSH a rapidly growing sector and urged local businesses to focus on premium packaging, high quality, and scientific proof to attract modern international shoppers.

To help achieve this, AYUSH Secretary Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha emphasized the need to speed up safety initiatives like the Ayush Mark and Ayurveda Aahar. These programs ensure strict quality control and bring Indian manufacturing up to global standards. Officials are actively working to match international benchmarks, making it much easier for foreign countries to accept these traditional products.

The session wrapped up with an open discussion featuring major exporters, small businesses, and young start-ups. Council Chairman Dr. Anurag Sharma concluded that India is perfectly positioned to become the world's trusted hub for holistic healthcare. He urged closer teamwork between scientists and manufacturers to drive innovation and secure India's spot at the top.

PUNJAB LITCHIS GO GLOBAL

India exports Punjab Litchis to Oman via FTA

NEW DELHI

Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced that fresh litchis grown in Punjab have been exported to Oman for the very first time.

The initial shipment of the sweet fruit was produced by the Ummat Agri Allied Cooperative Society based in Hoshiarpur. Taking to media platforms, the Commerce and Industry Minister praised the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for making this possible. Goyal explained that by leveraging the brand-new India–Oman free trade agreement, this unique trade initiative will successfully boost local farmers' incomes and secure wider international fame for Indian agriculture.

This achievement comes closely on the heels of another fruit export milestone. Just last month, Goyal celebrated the first-ever shipment of Uttarakhand's beloved Dehradun litchis to Italy. He noted that the premium, red fruits highly praised for their distinct sweetness and delicate aroma are quickly becoming a favorite in Europe, effectively opening new trade gateways into European markets.

India's global litchi expansion also includes the northeastern region. Earlier, Assam's famous Tezpur litchi, which earned a Geographical Indication tag back in 2014 due to its excellent juicy quality, made its international debut with a successful shipment sent to Dubai.

Rumors swirl around 'Jana Nayagan' final launch

Jana Nayagan has easily become one of the most delayed star-studded films in recent memory. Originally planned for a major festive release in January 2026, Thalapathy Vijay's highly anticipated final movie has faced multiple postponements. To the disappointment of countless fans, the creators have still not locked in an official arrival date.

Uncertainty continues as Jana Nayagan release rumours intensify, leaving Vijay fans eagerly awaiting official confirmation.

This prolonged delay has naturally triggered endless rumors across social media. The internet is flooded with fresh theories regarding the movie's launch. Some online reports claim the film received an 'A' certificate from the censor board and is aiming for a mid-July release. Meanwhile, other insiders suggest August 7, 2026, is a better target because most Friday slots this summer are fully booked.

However, there is absolutely no official word from the team to support either of these claims. Similar rumors previously hinted at a June release, which eventually turned out to be completely false. With the gossip mill refusing to slow down, KVN Productions must step forward with a clear announcement to end this agonizing guessing game.

Directed by the acclaimed H. Vinoth, Jana Nayagan boasts a massive ensemble cast. The political action thriller features top stars including Pooja Hegde, Bobby Deol, and Mamitha Baiju. Industry veterans Gautham Vasudev Menon, Prakash Raj, Narain, and Priyamani also play pivotal roles. Adding to the massive hype, the high-energy music for this grand cinematic project is composed by Anirudh Ravichander. Fans now wait eagerly for the final curtain call of their favorite star.

Engineer turned filmmaker tackles Karnataka's poor road infrastructure

An automobile engineer is turning filmmaker to tackle India's crumbling infrastructure.

Nehesh Poll, working under Radical Concepts Studio, is writing and directing his third film to inspire real-world change.

To kick off promotions, Poll showcased a unique road model at the S.E.A. College of Engineering.

College officials quickly pledged their full support to his vision.

Poll, who also stars as an engineering student, explained that the plot centers around a high-stakes engineering competition.

He noted that Karnataka suffers from India's highest road tax, yet citizens still face terrible driving conditions despite paying hefty tolls.

The movie proposes a bold climax where talented engineers design superior roads independently to save public money.

Poll believes reel-life ideas can become reality.

By launching this cinematic contest, he hopes to unite bright minds, fix broken streets, and drive society toward a brighter, fairer future.

Chiranjeevi's 'Vishwambhara' sets October 2026 release

The long wait is finally over for movie lovers. Megastar Chiranjeevi's highly anticipated film, Vishwambhara, has officially locked in its theatrical release date. This exciting news puts an end to months of endless rumors and anticipation among eager fans.

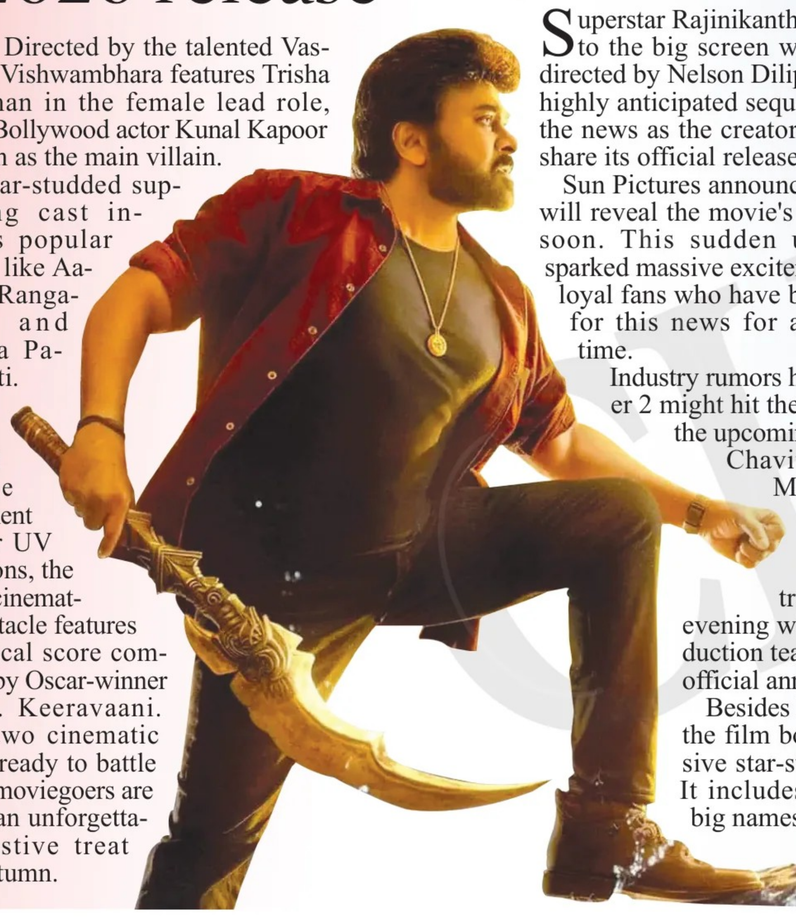
The mega socio-fantasy adventure is scheduled to hit the big screens on October 16, 2026. This perfect timing aims to capitalize on the massive Dussehra holiday crowd. By choosing this festive window, the filmmakers are showing immense confidence in their project, even with heavy competition looming ahead.

In a thrilling twist for Indian cinema, Vishwambhara is headed for a massive box office showdown. It will clash directly with Superstar Rajinikanth's highly awaited action flick, Jailer 2, which is rumored to release just one day earlier on October 15, 2026.

This rare, legendary face-off between two of the biggest icons in Indian cinema is already sparking intense excitement online. Both high-budget movies are aiming to dominate the lucrative holiday box office. Directed by the talented Vassishta, Vishwambhara features Trisha Krishnan in the female lead role, while Bollywood actor Kunal Kapoor steps in as the main villain.

The star-studded supporting cast includes popular names like Aashika Ranganath and Ramya Pasupuleti.

Backed by the prominent banner UV Creations, the grand cinematic spectacle features a musical score composed by Oscar-winner M. M. Keeravaani. With two cinematic giants ready to battle it out, moviegoers are in for an unforgettable festive treat this autumn.



'JAILER 2' CAST PACKS MULTI-INDUSTRY STAR POWER

Superstar Rajinikanth is returning to the big screen with Jailer 2, directed by Nelson Dilipkumar. The highly anticipated sequel is back in the news as the creators prepare to share its official release date.

Sun Pictures announced that they will reveal the movie's launch date soon. This sudden update has sparked massive excitement among loyal fans who have been waiting for this news for a very long time.

Industry rumors hint that Jailer 2 might hit theaters during the upcoming Vinayaka Chavithi festival. Movie lovers will find out if these rumors are true later this evening when the production team drops the official announcement.

Besides Rajinikanth, the film boasts a massive star-studded cast. It includes legendary big names like Shiva Rajkumar, Mohanlal, S. J. Suryah, and Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan. Talented actors Ramya Krishnan, Mirnaa Menon, and popular comedian Yogi Babu will also play important roles in this grand action-packed sequel.

Produced under the popular banner of Sun Pictures, the film promises to be a musical treat as well. The energetic Anirudh Ravichander is composing the soundtrack, adding more hype to the project.

With the big announcement just hours away, excitement is reaching a fever pitch across the country. Fans are counting down the minutes to see when their favorite star will storm back into theaters. This highly anticipated movie is shaping up to be one of the absolute biggest cinematic events of this entire year.

Arden Cho marries Surgeon in dreamy Florence

Hollywood actor Arden Cho has officially tied the knot with orthopedic surgeon Christopher Lee. The KPop Demon Hunters star celebrated her wedding over a gorgeous, multi-day event in Florence, Italy, surrounded by close family and friends.

The couple's modern romance began on a dating app several years ago, leading to a romantic proposal in Maui last year. Choosing Italy for their destination wedding was a natural choice for the pair, who wanted their guests to enjoy a relaxing vacation filled with rich culture and delicious food. Honoring her Korean heritage, Cho incorporated beautiful cultural traditions into the weekend. For the welcome party, the couple wore modern, custom-designed Korean hanboks. Cho wore a vibrant orange hanbok symbolizing joy, later changing into traditional red and green attire for the intimate pyebaek family ceremony.

Akhil Akkineni ready for July 10th 'Lenin' release

Popular Telugu actor Akhil Akkineni is preparing for the highly anticipated theatrical release of his upcoming movie, Lenin, next week. During recent promotional interviews, the young actor finally addressed his long absence from the big screen. He shocked his dedicated fan base by revealing a severe, hidden health crisis.

Akkineni admitted that while half of the career delay was his own choice, the other half was completely out of his control. He suffered a major freak accident in his home just four months after his previous movie, Agent, was released. The actor accidentally slipped on a wet bathroom floor and fell directly onto a sharp piece of glass.

The severe fall cut deeply through a vital vein and nerve in his left hand. The terrifying domestic accident completely shook the actor, requiring him to undergo two separate complex surgeries. The medical crisis required a grueling 16-month recovery period just to heal fully.

Because of the delicate nerve damage, Akkineni was strictly forbidden from lifting any weights or doing heavy exercise for nearly eight months. It took almost a year and a half of intensive physical therapy before he could safely return to the gym and resume his intense physical training.

This unexpected revelation deeply shocked his fans. Many social media users had previously criticized the star for taking such a long break without knowing about his painful medical battle. Now fully recovered and in peak shape, Akkineni is ready to make a grand comeback with Lenin on July 10.

'Balan: The Boy' earns Mani Ratnam's praise

Balan: The Boy has officially cemented its status as one of the most loved movies of the year. The gripping South Indian drama, directed by Chidambaram, continues to earn widespread goodwill for its emotional narration and sensitive representation of human identity.

Now, iconic filmmaker Mani Ratnam has joined the growing list of the movie's prominent admirers.

The legendary director attended a special screening of the film and warmly praised the project. Ratnam highly commended the brilliant writing and the powerful performances delivered by the main cast. The production team stated that receiving such high praise from one of Indian cinema's most respected storytellers serves as a massive milestone for their project.

Before Ratnam's endorsement, the film had already won the passionate support of several major industry stars. Popular actress Jyotika described the movie as an absolute "masterpiece," specifically praising the unpredictable screenplay written by Jithu Madhavan.

Actor Suriya also showered immense praise on the project, calling it yet another cinematic gem to emerge from the talented Malayalam film industry.

Taylor Swift, Travis Kelce set for big wedding

Pop sensation Taylor Swift and football star Travis Kelce are preparing for what is tracking to be America's biggest event of the year. Excitement is reaching a fever pitch outside Manhattan's iconic Madison Square Garden, where workers are rapidly setting up for a massive two-day wedding celebration kicking off with a rehearsal dinner.

The couple is reportedly turning the massive sports arena into a literal fairytale. Crews were spotted unloading large scenic pieces labeled "Garden Party" to build a castle-like structure inside the venue. According to luxury wedding planners, the multi-million dollar production is expected to cost the couple anywhere between $15 million and $20 million.

Privacy is a top priority for the high-profile duo. Guests must sign electronic non-disclosure agreements to prevent any leaks. Additionally, every invitation has been uniquely watermarked with the invitee's name, allowing the couple's security team to easily trace the source of any online photo leaks.

Rumors spiked online after National Guard personnel were spotted near the arena, but officials clarified their presence is routine and unrelated to the nuptials. Still, the NYPD will provide extra security around the venue to manage crowds and street closures.

The exclusive 1,000-person guest list will feature a star-studded crowd, including Swift's close friend Selena Gomez and music producer Jack Antonoff. Legendary musicians Stevie Nicks and Tim McGraw are also rumored to perform. With a strict black-tie dress code, this historic celebrity union promises a magical, unforgettable weekend.

Ali Fazal shares candid note on personal life

Popular actor Ali Fazal recently shared a deeply candid note, describing himself as "imperfect" while opening up about his career. The Fukrey star offered fans a rare glimpse into his personal struggles, admitting how difficult it can be to balance a demanding film schedule with maintaining a healthy social life.

Fazal revealed that his deep immersion in cinema and various creative pursuits often causes him to lose track of time. As a result, he frequently misses important social gatherings, family birthdays, and event invitations. He also confessed that he is naturally not very expressive when it comes to showing love to the people closest to him in his personal life.

However, the actor emphasized that he always finds his own quiet, subtle ways to make his loved ones feel truly seen, valued, and protected. Reflecting on his emotional tendencies, Fazal described himself as a strong person who is always ready to show up and listen to others when it truly matters.

The actor also looked back on his recent journey filming the hit crime thriller Raakh, calling the project a deeply meaningful and eye-opening experience.

Aayush Sharma reshoots 'Kashi' in Varanasi

The historic city of Varanasi recently transformed into a bustling movie set for the reshoot of Aayush Sharma's upcoming film, tentatively titled Kashi. Co-starring actress Amrin Qureshi, the project brought high energy to the scenic locations despite the intense summer weather gripping the region.

Beating the sultry climate, the lead actors performed an upbeat, energetic dance number choreographed right on the city's famous riverfront. A massive crowd of local onlookers gathered at the historic Chet Singh Ghat to watch the lively sequence unfold. Showing his appreciation for the crowd, the Loveyatri actor happily paused to take selfies with eager fans during production breaks.

The intensive shooting schedule later moved directly onto the waters of the River Ganga. Sharma was spotted filming several dramatic scenes on a wooden boat while completely dressed in the traditional attire of a sadhu. Later, during an evening shoot at Nandeshwar Ghat, production crews recreated a beautiful, glowing Ganga Aarti ceremony where the actor participated as part of the storyline. Acclaimed veteran actor Makrand Deshpande was also spotted on set, playing the role of a holy man.

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